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Sayonara Gary! **Three-year-old George Lineker joined the send-off for his father Gary after Nagoya Grampus Eight's final J.League game of the season on November 19. The former England captain managed just 51 minutes against Sanfrecce Hiroshima before injury forced him to limp off. 'I'll miss the good moments,' he said. 'But I have to face up to the fact that it's over.' A media career awaits Lineker back in England – he has been signed up to work for BBC Radio and *The Observer* newspaper.**

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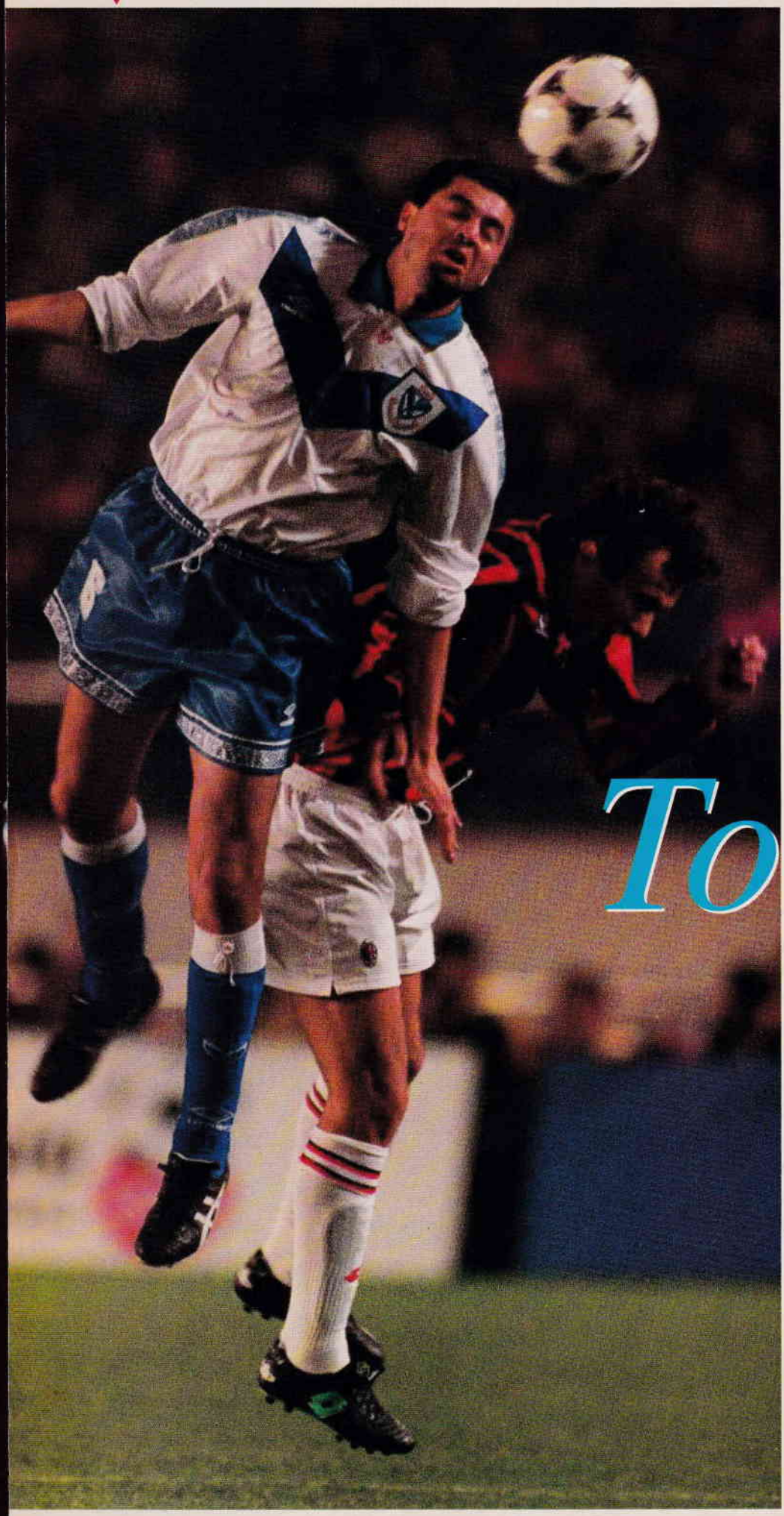

Winners and losers . . . Boban loses out to Sotomayor (left); Velez players celebrate with the silverware (right), while Costacurta, never one for the big occasion, sees red (inset right).

DECEMBER 1 - TOKYO

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Trotta 50 (pen)
Asad 57

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Roberto TROTTA	2	Mauro TASSOTTI
Raul CARDOZO	3	Paolo MALDINI
Hector ALMANDOZ	4	Demetrio ALBERTINI
Marcelo GOMEZ	5	Alessandro COSTACURTA
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Jose FLORES	11	Daniele MASSARO
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Substitutions: SIMONE for SAVICEVIC (60 min), PANUCCI for MASSARO (86 min)
Booked: Savicevic, Albertini, Rossi, Simone (Milan). Almandoz, Gomez, Trotta, Asad (Velez Sarsfield).
Sent off: Costacurta (Milan, foul play).

Tormen

Velez victory piles on the agony for Milan

MILAN'S season of misery was compounded in Tokyo by probably the most modest club team ever to represent their continent in the 40-year history of the World Club Cup.

Milan, brilliant champions of Europe barely six months earlier, were embarrassed into a 2-0 defeat by Velez Sarsfield, an unassuming squad from a Buenos Aires suburb.

The champagne champions appeared set for a comfortable repeat of their 1989 and 1990 Tokyo triumphs as they dominated the first 10 minutes. Velez, the rough-edged upstarts, did not look in the same class.

Twenty minutes later, however, the awful realisation dawned that, inept as Velez continued to be, the Milan of 1994-95 were simply and sadly no longer capable of applying the *coup de grace* – not to mention four or five of them.

By half-time, something unthinkable happened. The Japanese crowd, traditionally polite and respectful, refused to be fooled any longer. They whistled as the teams completed 45 abjectly uneventful minutes. These days, the Japanese public knows a poor game when it sees one. And this was a stinker.

The 2002 World Cup Bid Committee had rolled out the red carpet for FIFA dignitaries on a free junket to persuade them of Japan's readiness to hold the World Cup. No doubt the visitors were impressed,

t in Tokyo

but the highlight of their visit, the match itself, must have only served to make the VIPs from Africa and Asia wonder why their own clubs could not be involved in a showcase event which had everything except decent football.

If Milan, richly rewarded for their fourth excursion to Tokyo, had been deducted a thousand dollars for each mistake, they would not have had much left by the interval. Velez would have come off scarcely better, although they saw so little of the ball they hardly had a chance to waste it.

Repeatedly incoherent and hesitant in midfield, Milan had coach Fabio Capello thumping the subs bench in frustration. Was this really the team that had taken Barcelona apart on that magic night in Athens last May?

Worse was to come. Five minutes into the second half, Velez's charismatic but utterly reliable goalkeeper Jose Chilavert lofted a long free-kick out to Jose Basualdo, and when his cross came in from the right, Jose Flores tangled with Costacurta in the Milan goalmouth. Colombian referee Jose Torres pointed to the spot. Goalkeeper Sebastiano Rossi's protests earned him a yellow card. His colleagues seemed too embarrassed to join him.

Captain Roberto Trotta struck the ball through Rossi's legs as he dived.

Milan fluttered at a response but seven minutes later they gave away a second goal in a farcical moment exploited by the game's one true gesture of genius. Costacurta rolled an under-hit backpass towards Rossi and Omar Asad alertly dodged into the gap, took the ball to the left away from the stranded Rossi, swivelled and hooked a superbly accurate shot inside the far post.

For the striker nicknamed The Turk and sometimes also, it seems, less flatteringly The Pig, the Japanese Year of the Pig had started a month early. It was to earn him the Player of the Match award and he accepted his smart Toyota car with unabashed glee. "I've got a terrible old car at the moment," he told reporters. "I like this one, it is posh!" It must have been the only bright spot of the evening for the sponsors.

For Milan, it was a pig of an evening. Only the last 15 minutes saw them rally at all. But their complaints that they have gone over 60 games without winning a penalty – admittedly an astonishing statistic – was seen above all to be a telling indictment of their inability to get useful balls into their opponents' box. Marco Van Basten, where are you?

By the time the wretched Costacurta had been dispatched to the dressing-room for a totally superfluous rugby tackle on Asad, the flying pig, five minutes from time, Capello was already thinking of Salzburg and what now seemed his last chance to rescue a totally bankrupt season, and his job.

"We had at least five chances and couldn't score," said Capello. "It's to their credit they made the most our mistakes." But the coach's half-hearted post-match moans about the Velez penalty, the referee and fate in general were no more than that. He knew the score.

For Milan defeat will hurt business as well as pride. Milan these days is more than just a football team, even more than just part of a business empire. It is an empire in itself. And the Emperor has lost his clothes.

Not so Velez Sarsfield, whose cloth is cut to their measure. Their success in Japan – which takes the South Americans' lead over Europe to 10-5 in the Toyota Cup Series since 1980 – they owe not only to Milan's deficiencies but also to their motivational coach, Carlos Bianchi.

Bianchi, leading scorer for Velez three decades ago and still a favourite in France for his deeds in Reims, Paris and Nice, told his players before the game: "Grasp the moment. Give it everything. Don't risk looking back in 30 years time and thinking, if only I'd tried harder . . ." Simple, not particularly original, but very effective.

By the end of the game, as the fat cats of Milan were left wondering why they had even bothered to come, the shock-haired Bianchi was wearing his gracious smile of unexpected victory.

"Nobody knows us," he said, "not even in Argentina. But the past doesn't matter. It's the present that's important."

"Tout est possible," he added in his adopted tongue.

Indeed it is. But no longer, it seems, for Milan.

KEITH COOPER

Commentary

Keir Radnedge

Match fixer . . . Maradona's Hand of God.

The profits of doom?

ONE MORNING RECENTLY an entire nation awoke to astonishing revelations on the news stands. That a famous football personality possessed a dossier with information concerning no fewer than 18 cases of match-fixing.

The man in possession of that dossier told a magazine, not surprisingly, that he is concerned for his health. He says: "I don't go near a plane without a parachute, I don't go near a boat without a life jacket and I don't go in car which isn't fitted with air bags."

I'm sure you've guessed his name. I'll even give you a clue. His name begins with a B. So the name is . . . Bernes. Jean-Pierre Bernes.

The 'nation' which awoke to new sporting shame was France and Bernes was famous as general manager of Marseille. That is, until an investigating magistrate charged him on various counts of corruption. Now Jean-Pierre Bernes is the ex-general manager of Marseille, and the club themselves are in the Second Division as punishment.

But here's the intriguing difference between the French scandal and the issues raised by events surrounding the writ-issuing, innocence-proclaiming Bruce Grobbelaar.

Most notably, Marseille fixed a league match against Valenciennes last year which provided them not only with a victory but with a fifth League title in a row. 'All' they did was try to fix matches for their own sake. So they could ease the pressures in advance of a European Cup Final with Milan – which they won.

Marseille's crime was in wanting to win too much and deliberately setting out to accomplish that end by foul means as well as fair.

If you like, a little like Diego Maradona and his notorious Hand of God goal against England in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico. England lost the match but Maradona was a loser as well. Memories of a most sublime natural talent will always he tainted by memories of the cheating side to his nature. How he betrayed his own gifts.

And there's more.

You see, because Maradona got away with it once he was encouraged to go on cutting corners. That's why he was caught out by a dope test in the World Cup this summer: Because he used a drugs cocktail to help reduce weight in a hurry rather than undertake the long-term sweat of a proper training routine.

He didn't like it when he got caught of course. But even Maradona was 'only' trying to win a football match.

Far, far more insidious . . . somewhere out there in South-East Asia – where illegal betting is rife in professional football – are men who don't give a dollar about who wins a cup or loses a league.

They're not in it for even the faintest touch of tainted, misguided glory. They're just in it for the profit to be made on a bent bet.

Nothing, not even the Marseilles and Maradonas of this world, should frighten football as much as that.

A funny kind of failure

ITALY'S FICKLE FANS are fed up with Arrigo Sacchi. I hear they want a return to the days "when the Azzurri played with panache and style" rather than the gritty caution of today.

But wait a minute. When did Italy ever play with panache and style?

Italian national teams have, at times, played some of the most economically effective football in the world. But panache and style? Never.

Even Vittorio Pozzo, in the heady inter-war days of the two World Cup victories, conceded that a fan who wanted to enjoy watching football art should take in Austria or Hungary or Czechoslovakia. But if he wanted to see success – then watch Italy.

For just about all the post-war era Italuan national teams have been built on the lowest common domestic denominator – catennacio defence and the counter-attack.

Great, great football artists have flitted through the ranks from time to time. Gianni Rivera, Sandro Mazzola, Gaetano Scirea, Giancarlo Antognoni. Yet Rivera won only 60 caps because successive managers considered him too ethereal for their purpose.

Similarly, years down the road, whom did Sacchi chuck overboard when he needed a replacement goalkeeper against Norway in the World Cup finals? Roberto Baggio.

Down the years Italian national managers have been quite as pragmatic as their club contemporaries. When in doubt go for physical endeavour and scrap for the result. Look to your Benettis and Tardellis.

Sacchi has proved no different. Perhaps that's why he is attracting so much criticism. After his days at Milan it was thought this was the man to break the pragmatic mould. Instead, he merely cast it in the same old image.

Even so, reaching the World Cup Final is a funny kind of failure.

No easy answers

MANCHESTER UNITED'S embarrassing departure from the Champions League was accompanied by all the usual wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Typical of English football.

There is no middle road. United must either be champions of the world or English turnips.

Manager Alex Ferguson bore himself admirably in defeat in Sweden, saying: "At this level you cannot expect to give away goals as we did in Barcelona and Gothenburg and still win. There are no excuses."

Ferguson was speaking, of course, of two specific matches. But most of the analysis made the common mistake of looking at international football through the Them-and-Us microscope, ie there is English football and there is foreign football and the foreigners are doing something we are not.

It's much more complex than that if you try a bit of lateral thinking.

Swedish football and Spanish football have as much in common as IFK Gothenburg and Barcelona: they were both drawn in the same Champions League group. And that's the end of it.

Spanish football has its own history, its own heroes, its own style, its own tactical approach and physical attitude. If you don't believe me, tune to the German sports channel DSF at eight o'clock on a Saturday night and watch the live Spanish match. It's a different sort of the football to the game you will have watched live that Saturday afternoon.

And it's different from the game as it is played in each European country.

Manchester United lost to Barcelona because, when Barca are rolling that ball around with Guardiola bossing midfield and Romario and Stoichkov enjoying themselves up front, no-one can live with them. United were well beaten by the better team on the night.

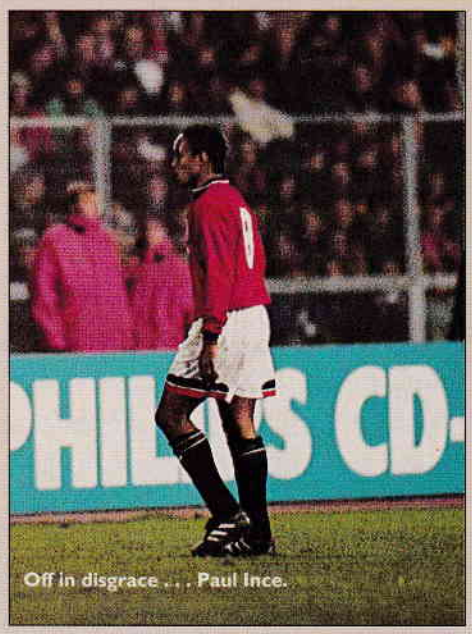
Easy answers? There were none. Nothing else to do but concede defeat by a better team.

But Gothenburg was a different matter. IFK are good but not in Barca's class. In imitative image of the Swedish national team they concentrate on doing the simple things well. Even so, United possessed enough spirit, talent and experience to have put up a better fight.

The only surprise about events in the Ullevi as they unfolded was that, for one brief minute in the second half, United were level. They never deserved to get that close so far into the game. Also, it was disturbing to see their disappointment channelled not into a recovery effort but into petulance. Paul Ince, a former England captain, should have learned better a long time ago.

Overall, the lessons of Gothenburg were different from the lessons of Nou Camp.

'European experience' is not something which can be instantly acquired as you go along. Look at what happened to Blackburn Rovers. No, matching the best in Europe means offering yur opponent due respect . . . and making sure you know where he comes from – literally – and all that entails.



Off in disgrace . . . Paul Ince.

Haus-keeping needed

IN THE RUN-UP to the World Cup, FIFA and the American branch of the family advertised the FIFA bulletin board and information system. You, too, could access this wealth of computer-data through the medium of a modem, a communications programme and a modest monthly subscription to CompuServe.

That was the theory.

Initially, many of those who signed up found the signing-on procedures resisting access.

Now I can confirm that it is possible to sign on and find your way into the data bank. The trouble is . . . when will it be worth it?

In preparation for this article I decided to check out the make-up of the new FIFA committees. After all, that's the sort of basic information which one expects to find in such a data base.

Not in the FIFA system, though. A little housekeeping would appear in order. FIFA Haus-keeping, that is.

Derby fever

ONE INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCY, previewing the first round of the FA Cup and seeking to explain to a worldwide audience the appeal of Bath City v Bristol Rovers described the clash as "like a low key Milan v Inter."

This exaggerated flight of fancy owed everything to the fact that Rovers, from the Endsleigh second division, are tenants of their Vauxhall Conference opponents, just as Milan and Inter share the Stadio Meazza at San Siro. Beyond that, Italian allusions were thin on the sloping Twerton Park ground.

Rovers pushed their defenders forward like Milan and ran away with the first-round tie to the tune of 5-0 but it would be defying good sense to compare Billy Clark with Billy Costacurta or four-goal Paul Miller with Daniele Massaro.

When Miller rounded it off with the volley which provided his own fourth goal, a chorus of Rovers' old Cup-fighting theme song, Goodnight Irene, burst around the ground.

That, certainly, you won't hear in Milan.

Four-goal hero . . . Paul Milller of Bristol Rovers.

Book Reviews

Looking for a football book for Christmas? These are the latest to have come thumping onto the review desk:

Are you watching, Liverpool? By Jim White (Heinemann, £15.99). The story of Manchester United's 1994 double season, entertainingly told.

Book of Soccer Lists. By Ian St John and Geoff Tibballs (Collins Willow, £3.99). Updated mixture as before. Ideal Christmas stocking filler.

Encyclopedia of Football in Holland since 1888. By Frank Van den Broek, Frans Van den Nieuwenhof and Jan Schoenmakers (from Frank Van den Broek, Vleutenseweg 120, 3532 HM Utrecht, Holland). Every result and league table.

European Football Yearbook. Edited by Mike Hammond (Sports Projects. £21.95). More than 1200 pages, all the regular statistical features plus a World Cup review. As ever, a bargain at the price for all devotees of the European game.

Football: A History of the World Game. By Bill Murray (Scolar Press, £35). Meticulously researched history of soccer by an Australian history lecturer who combined professional expertise with personal commitment. One for true scholars at this price and sadly lacking in illustration.

Match of the Day. By John Motson (BBC Books, £8.99). More than 30 years and it's still the country's favourite soccer programme. All the clubs, matches and marksmen, season by season.

Mr Smith: The Fan Who Joined the Ibrox Legends. By Walter Smith and Ken Gallacher (Mainstream Publishing, £12.99). The story of the ultimate rise from the terraces by probably one of the most self-effacing managers in the business.

One Hundred Years of Scottish Sport. By Rodger Baillie (Mainstream Publishing, £12.99). A selection of sports reporting from the Daily Record leaning heavily, naturally, on football.

The Best of Times: My Favourite Football Stories. By George Best and Les Scott (Simon & Schuster, £12.99). George Best's pleasant recollections of happier days.

The Legend of Jack Charlton. By Tom Humphries (Weidenfeld and Nicholson, £12.99). Well-illustrated story of a man who progressed from English hero to Irish . . . well, legend.

The Mavericks – English Football When Flair Wore Flares. By Rob Steen (Mainstream Publishing, £14.99). The latest "weren't-things-much-better-in-the-1970s". Soccer in the culture of the day through the lives and styles of the likes of Best, Marsh, Hudson, Worthington and Co.

The Seventies Revisited.. By Kevin Keegan and Norman Giller (Queen Anne Press, £16.99). The 1970s are the soccer book market's latest growth industry. This is a season-by-season,day-by-day, kick-by-kick account. Who typified English success in those years better than Keegan?

The Sporting Word. Compiled by Des Lynam and David Teasdale (BBC Books, £9.99). Terrific selection of sporting quotes.

Ultimate Encyclopedia of Soccer. Edited by Keir Radnedge (Hodder & Stoughton, £16.99). Encyclopedia reference to the world game – its countries, competitions, clubs and personalities. Also delves into the game's cultural context – fans, media, etc.

The Midas to

David Platt has always had the knack of being in the right place at the right time. His last-gasp volley against Belgium at Italia '90 resulted in a dream move to Italy; the knowledge he's acquired since has seen him become captain of his country. Platt's Wembley winner against Nigeria last month was his 24th goal in 50 internationals – an impressive ratio for a striker, let alone a 'box-to-box' midfielder. PAUL HAWKSBEE met up with the England skipper the morning after the match to discuss goals, Gullit and going home to England

So, why do you think you've scored so many goals for England?
I honestly don't know! (laughs) I suppose I know the positions where goals are scored and I try and make sure I get into those areas. There's no great secret to it, it's just about getting into the box and trying to find space. That little half-a-yard can sometimes make all the difference.

You're not quite as prolific at club level, are you?
Well, I'm not too far off at Sampdoria – I think it's about one goal in every three games. I suppose you could argue that it's harder to score goals in Italy.

The English press weren't over-complimentary about the team's performance against Nigeria. They even suggested England were outplayed. What did you make of that?
Obviously I didn't agree. Sure, Nigeria played well, but I thought we did too. It was certainly an improvement on the USA and Romania games. A lot was made of the amount of possession Nigeria enjoyed – especially during the early part of the first half – but if you analyse the game you'll see they generally had possession in areas where they couldn't hurt us.

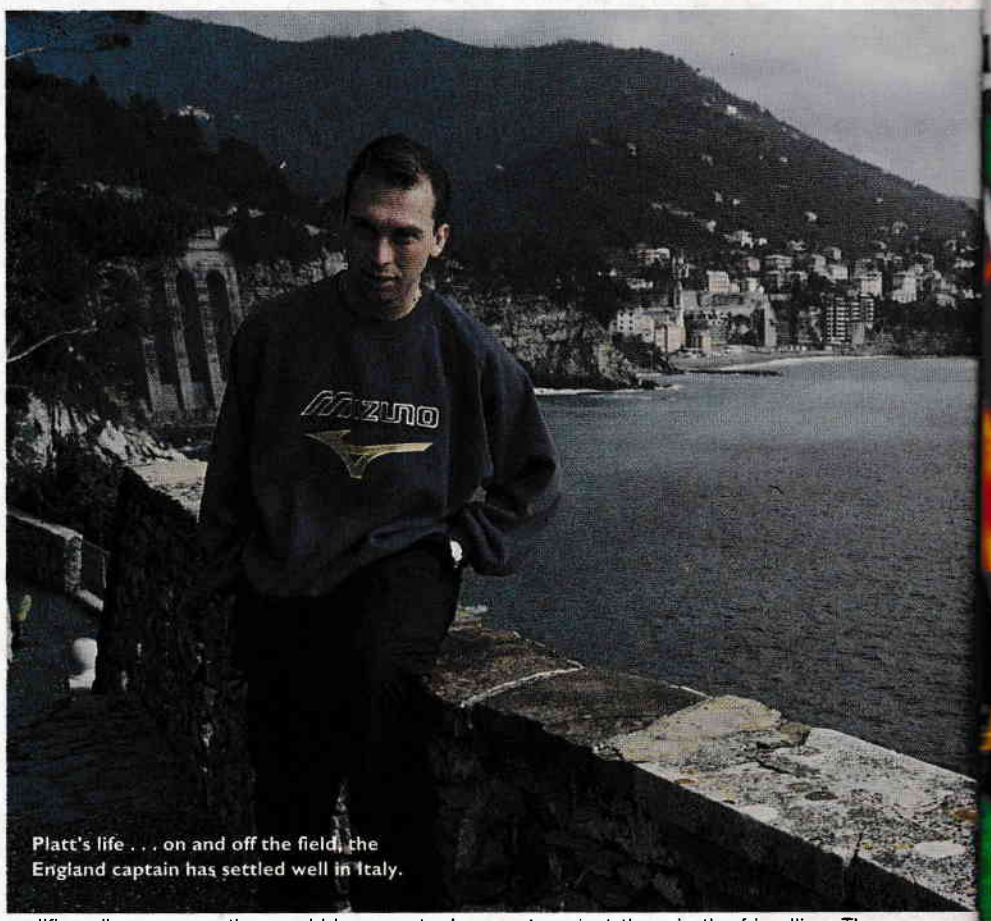
'Basically, the knee tried to pop out of joint but the ligaments held it in!'

They wanted to draw us out because that would stretch us and create space for them, but we made a conscious decision to sit back and say, "Okay, you can keep the ball out there as long as you like."

Were you impressed with the quality of their play?
Impressed, but not surprised. Despite the last two World Cups, I know there are still people who believe that African teams are inferior and we should have no problem beating them.

You only have to look at the match programme and see the top European clubs the Nigerians currently play for to realise that isn't the case. They're strung across Spain, France, Germany, Italy . . . we shouldn't be surprised that they can come to Wembley and give a performance like that. They are all technically very, very gifted.

Are you pleased with the progress the England squad are making?
Absolutely. I honestly feel we're progressing as a team with every game. The six-day get-togethers leading up to the matches are making a big difference. Because we're not under any pressure to qualify for anything we can look at the broader picture, not simply work towards the upcoming game. For example, if last month's game against Romania had been a European Championship qualifier, all our preparation would have centred around the Romanians; how we could counter their strengths, how we could exploit their weakness. That's the way it has to be, because your priority is to take the two points.



Platt's life . . . on and off the field, the England captain has settled well in Italy.

Thankfully, we haven't got to worry about that. Of course we want to win, but essentially we're working to an 18-month plan and it's the long-term development of the team that matters.

Terry would be the first to admit that he's in a very fortunate position from that point of view. Graham Taylor was never really able to sit back and take a general view of the set-up, because we were always working towards a major championship. I remember discussing this with him and we both agreed that had we qualified for the World Cup finals we would then have had the luxury of that six months to develop without the pressure.

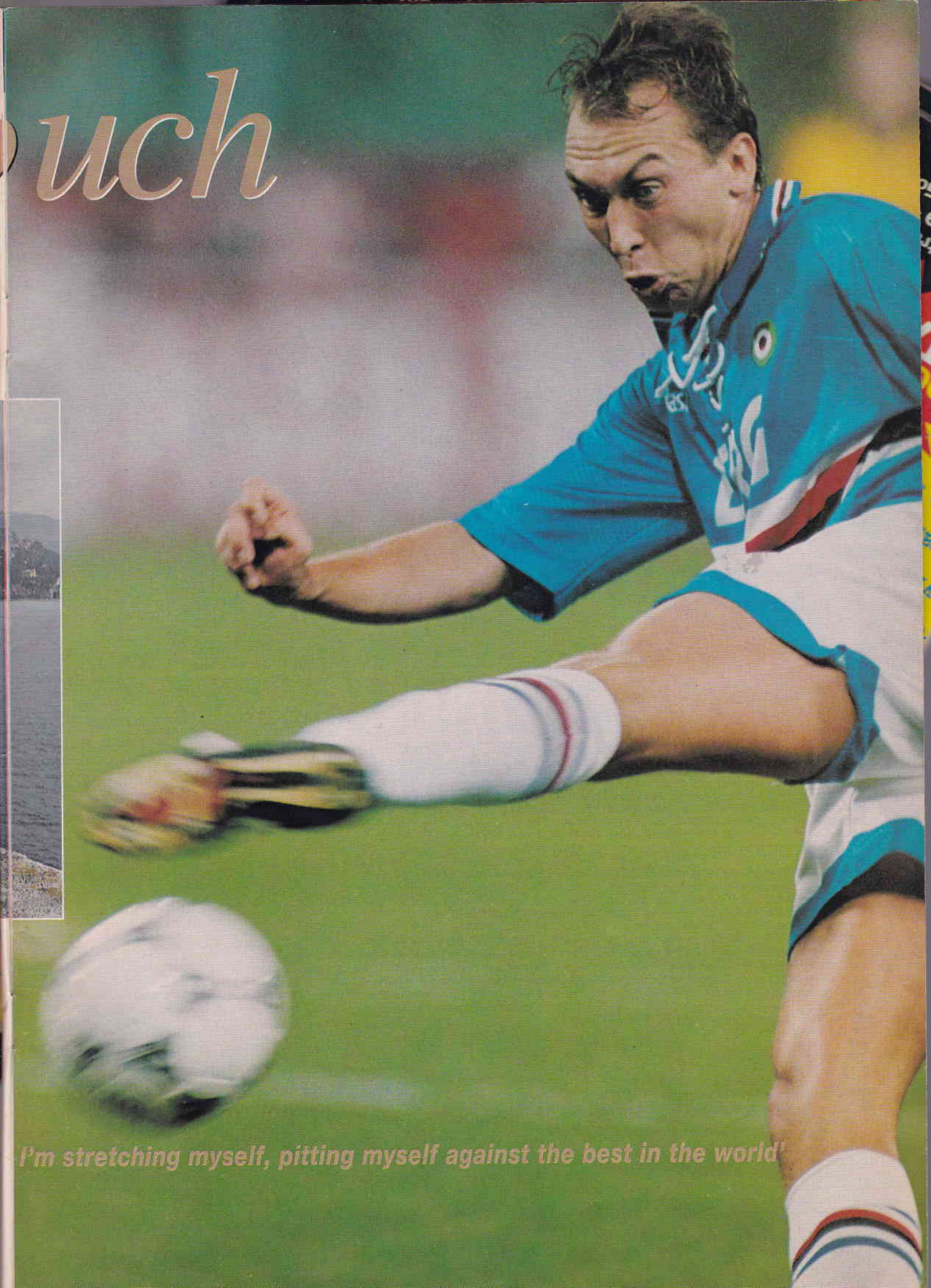
Just look at the Italians. They qualified for the finals and weren't too perturbed when results went against them in the friendlies. They were only interested in the bigger picture.

How do you see your role as captain?
At international level it's fairly demanding. In fact, when I was first given the captaincy I was surprised just how much was involved, with the media demands and so on. I feel I'm growing into it now though.

From a footballing point of view, as there's very little the manager can do once the team's crossed the white line, it's my job as captain to make sure we react to any tactical switches the opposition may make. I've got full licence to make changes on the pitch if I see fit.

The gaffer will watch and if he doesn't agree with what I've done he'll come down and say so, but sometimes you need to make changes immediately, because you're getting a different perpective of the game on the pitch than you are from the bench. ▶

'In Italy, I never stop learning. Week in, week ou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I'm stretching myself, pitting myself against the best in the world'

Captain's example . . . David Platt's goals have been vital to England remaining unbeaten under Terry Venables.

You missed just over a month of the season – including the Romania game – with a knee injury. How's it feeling now?
It's fine. It aches every now and again but that's only to be expected – the change in the weather coming to England doesn't help. The doctors have told me it's going to feel like this for about three months, but I've just got to carry on building up the muscle and protecting the knee.

It looked nasty when you went down in the Cup-winners Cup game against Grasshopper.
I'll take your word for it. I've not seen it on television and I don't intend to. I know how much pain it gave me at the time, so I don't want to relive it again!

It was actually diagnosed as a slight strain of the cruciate ligament. Basically, what happened was the knee tried to pop out of joint but the ligaments held it in! I was very worried because I'd never experienced pain like that in my life.

Generally though, you've been lucky with injuries, haven't you?
Yes, touch wood I have been fairly fortunate. My most frustrating lay-off was 10 weeks with a cartilege when I was at Juventus. All players will tell you that dealing with injury is a state of mind, and in that case I'd conditioned myself to only be out for five weeks, as everybody expected. It was tough to accept that I'd be missing for twice as long. This time wasn't quite so bad, because I knew it would only take me four or five weeks to get back, so I could handle it.

Obviously, I hope I can always steer clear of serious injury. I know how terrible I feel after five weeks out, let alone five months. I feel so sorry for people like Paul [Gascoigne], who seem to spend longer out of the game that in it.

Your absence coincided with a sharp downturn in Sampdoria's fortunes, didn't it?
It wasn't just me, we had quite a few injuries. Even then, as we all started returning to the side, it still took us two or three games to get back into it.

Roberto Mancini's injury was probably the most significant because it meant Allesandro Melli was playing up front on his own and he's the type of player who operates better with a partner.

Were you surprised when Melli went to Milan in return for Ruud Gullit?
I certainly was. The clubs kept it very quiet and managed to push the whole deal through in one day. In many ways, Melli is better suited to Milan's game, just as Ruud is to ours. I think all the lads are pleased to see him back because he was so tremendous for us last season and we all struck up a great understanding with him.

'Graham Taylor was never really able to sit back and take a general overview of the England set-up, because we were always working towards a major championship'

Do you like the idea of the transfer amnesty, or did you prefer the completely open system we operate in England?
Maybe 10 days in November is too short a space of time, but generally I think it's a good idea. It stops that incessant transfer speculation that we're used to at home. That kind of thing can be so unsettling, not just for the players but the fans as well.

Talking of which, there's still a lot of speculation that you'll be returning to England at the end of the season. What's the current situation?
Well, the way I'm feeling at the moment, it's almost certain I'll be staying in Italy. There's a willingness on both parts for me to sign a new contract with Sampdoria and we plan to sit down as soon as possible and work things out.

Do you see Sampdoria being your last club in Italy?
I've been at three Italian clubs and I wouldn't rule anything out, but realistically if I were to leave Sampdoria I think I'd come back home. It's such an enjoyable club to play for. Players may leave, they may even win greater honours at other clubs, but they still miss Sampdoria – look at Luca Vialli and Ruud. I wouldn't want to move on and ruin what for me has been two magnificent years.

What continues to attract you to Italian football?
In Italy, I never stop learning. Week in, week out I'm stretching myself, pitting myself against the best in the world. I still want to improve as a player, and there's no finer place to do it.

Who's your tip for the title?
Well, I wouldn't rule us out yet! Admittedly we haven't played particularly well but we're still not trailing that far behind. Three points for a win has made the championship so much more open. Before it came in, you might have argued that at this stage it was already a three-horse race, but not anymore. Any one of the mid-table teams could put a little run of victories together and find themselves up among the frontrunners.

If the Milan of last season were eight points clear at the top, I wouldn't have seen a way of getting back at them. This year it's different, because the teams that are currently leading the way will inevitably drop points.

That's why I still wouldn't be surprised if Milan started to make up ground. For me, they're still the team to beat.

Presumed Innoce

KEIR RADNEDGE pulls together the strands of the betting-and-bribe scandal which has rocked English football

THE HISTORY

WORLD football records spotlight two major cases of betting and bribery.

The first was in England in 1964 when 10 players – including England internationals Peter Swan and Tony Kay and their former Sheffield Wednesday team-mate David Layne – were all sent to prison for four months after being found guilty of conspiracy to defraud by betting on fixed matches.

That case, which ended in 1965 and may have involved as many as 100 players throughout the four divisions of the English League, was the culmination of a five-year trail that centered on a form of gambling known as Fixed Odds Betting, which enabled a punter to bet on the result of a single match.

Although Swan, Kay and Layne were implicated in only one of the matches, on December 1, 1962, when Alf Ramsey's Ipswich beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-0, their names have been linked with the case ever since.

Life bans on Layne and Swan were lifted by an FA commission in June 1972 and Layne played four matches for Hereford before a serious ankle injury ended his career. Swan returned for a spell with Wednesday before captaining Bury to promotion to the Third Division in 1973-74, and later managed non-leaguers Matlock Town to victory in the 1975 FA Trophy.

The second major case was in Italy in season 1979-80.

On March 23, 1980, two dozen officials and players were arrested by fraud squad investigators as they left stadia throughout Italy after playing league matches. It was alleged that a group of directors, officials and players had accepted money to fix match results on behalf of the 'totonero' illegal betting syndicates.

Lazio and Milan were punished by relegation to Serie B, Avellino, Bologna and Perugia were each penalised five points the following season; Milan president Felice Colombo was banned from football for life; Bologna president Tommaso Fabbretti was banned for a year; 15 players banned for periods from three months to six years included Giuseppe Savoldi of Bologna (three years six months), Giuseppe Wilson of Lazio (three years) and Paolo Rossi of Perugia (two years).

Back in England the Leeds and England manager Don Revie was accused of offering bribes to three Wolves players to lose a game which would have given Leeds the 1975 League championship. Revie, now dead, always denied the claims which were never proved. In the event, Wolves won the match.

Four years ago Lou Macari was fined £1,000 over a £6,500 bet against his own Swindon team while he was their manager.

When Andres Escobar was gunned down days after Colombia's premature World Cup exit in the United States this past summer, many believed it was a hysterical reaction to his own-goal in the shock defeat by the hosts.

But Colombian football is dominated by huge betting syndicates, many with significant drug links, and informed sources suggest that Escobar paid the price for a sting which went badly wrong.

THE PLAYER

THE GENERAL shock induced by the allegations owed much to the fact that Bruce Grobbelaar had enjoyed a glittering 13-year career with Liverpool.

Loosely translated from Afrikaans, Grobbelaar's surname means clumsy, a fact which has caused the goalkeeping eccentric and clown prince of soccer much amusement. A showman, flamboyant, irrational, acrobatic, impetuous, he provided conclusive proof, if anyone did, that to be a goalkeeper you have to be crazy.

Standing by their man . . . Southampton fans.

His juggling and gymnastic antics outraged the traditionalists and caused his defenders panic attacks with his amazing sorties from goal.

But Rhodesian-born Grobbelaar, who celebrated his 37th birthday this autumn, made more than 400 appearances for Liverpool, for whom he signed for £250,000 in 1981 from Vancouver Whitecaps in Canada. He also had a brief spell with Crewe and joined Premier League club Southampton at the start of this season.

During a glittering 13-year career at Anfield, he won League Championship medals in 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986 and 1988, shared in League Cup success three years in succession from 1982-84, collected FA Cup medals in 1986 and 1989 and was a European Champions Cup winner in 1984.

One of the few characters in the game, he experienced soccer at both ends of the scale, from the opulence of Anfield to the African outback. He once said: "In the army, I lived in the bush for weeks, so they put the luxuries of England into perspective. I know how lucky I am."

After serving in the Rhodesian army, where he fought in the civil war, he married air hostess Debbie and they have two young children, Tahli and Olivia.

Clown prince . . . Bruce Grobbelaar.

His professional admirers include FC Porto and former England manager Bobby Robson who said: "Had Bruce been English he would, without question, have won international honours during my time. He isn't simply an outstanding goalkeeper, blessed with incredible agility. He also gives his team an extra defender. He reads the game like an outfield player."

THE ASIA CONNECTION

THE Bruce Grobbelaar scandal was just the first of a string of unproved allegations being cast around by shadowy figures in South-east Asian betting circles.

The source claimed that he and a number of others who placed big bets through a syndicate in Malaysia knew the result of certain Premiership matches even before they were played.

He added: "These stories do not come as any surprise to me. What I am surprised about is why it took so long for it all to come out."

Illegal betting syndicates have turned their attention to the English Premier League after a massive crackdown on bribe-taking among Malaysian soccer players. Betting on soccer matches is big-time business in Malaysia, where bookies turn over £40million annually.

But business started to slow down as the whiff of scandal raced through the industry and punters, fearing they would be implicated by police, reduced their investments. Others turned to laying bets on English games and the opportunity for corruption was opened wide.

Azmi Anshar, assistant news editor of the *Malay Mail*, was reported by British newspapers as saying: "I have no doubts that what we learned is the absolute truth. It's quite clear. We've been told a lot of people have made big money on matches in England, just as they used to make big money on games in Malaysia."

Anshar said his team of reporters had not been able to get into the heart of the syndicate controlling players: "They are hardly likely to come forward and start telling you who's involved, there's too much money at stake."

There is also the fear of arrest. Most bookies are now lying low following a crackdown on bribery in Malaysian soccer games by police and the Anti-Corruption Agency.

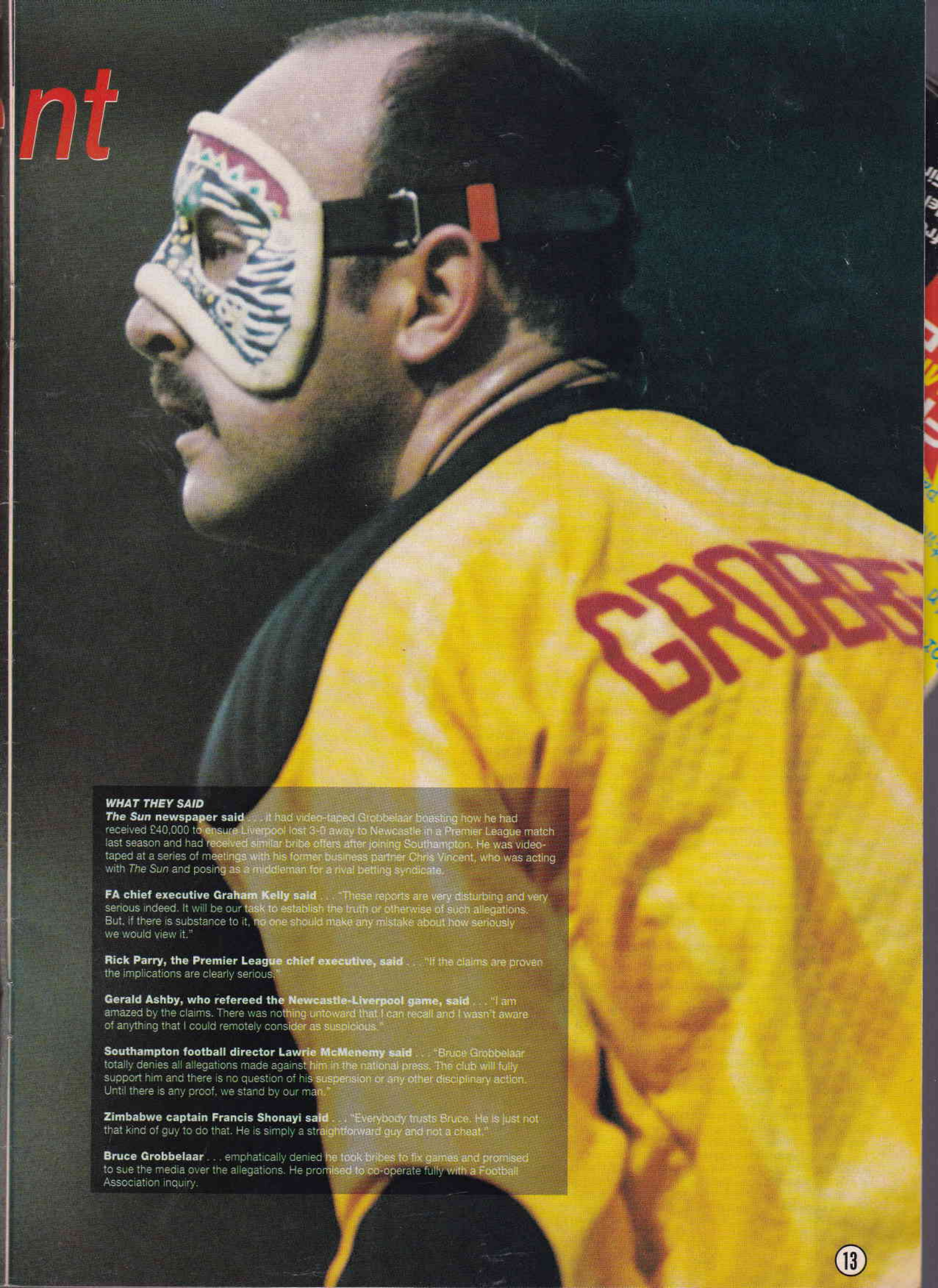
A national cup match has been tainted with claims of widespread bribe-taking and game-throwing, with players from several clubs being questioned. In nearby Singapore a referee was found guilty of fixing matches and a Czech player, Michal Vana, absconded after being charged with similar offences.

BRUCE TO THE RESCUE

BRUCE GROBBELAAR has been reported to FIFA – for rescuing the referee from attacking Zaire players after Zimbabwe snatched a dramatic 2-1 victory in Harare in their African Nations Cup clash.

The match, Grobbelaar's first after the publication of the allegations in *The Sun*, ended in amazing scenes when the Zambian match official Christian Chikuka was chased by most of the furious Zaire team. He accused "the No. 13 and the No. 18" – Nsombu and Chambula – of kicking him and they were arrested by police.

The referee said: "Grobbelaar saved me. I was being kicked and it was a dangerous situation. He rushed from his goal to assist me and I will always be grateful to him. I will be reporting everything to FIFA, including what Bruce Grobbelaar did for me."



WHAT THEY SAID

***The Sun* newspaper said** . . . it had video-taped Grobbelaar boasting how he had received £40,000 to ensure Liverpool lost 3-0 away to Newcastle in a Premier League match last season and had received similar bribe offers after joining Southampton. He was video-taped at a series of meetings with his former business partner Chris Vincent, who was acting with *The Sun* and posing as a middleman for a rival betting syndicate.

FA chief executive Graham Kelly said . . . "These reports are very disturbing and very serious indeed. It will be our task to establish the truth or otherwise of such allegations. But, if there is substance to it, no one should make any mistake about how seriously we would view it."

Rick Parry, the Premier League chief executive, said . . . "If the claims are proven the implications are clearly serious."

Gerald Ashby, who refereed the Newcastle-Liverpool game, said . . . "I am amazed by the claims. There was nothing untoward that I can recall and I wasn't aware of anything that I could remotely consider as suspicious."

Southampton football director Lawrie McMenemy said . . . "Bruce Grobbelaar totally denies all allegations made against him in the national press. The club will fully support him and there is no question of his suspension or any other disciplinary action. Until there is any proof, we stand by our man."

Zimbabwe captain Francis Shonayi said . . . "Everybody trusts Bruce. He is just not that kind of guy to do that. He is simply a straightforward guy and not a cheat."

Bruce Grobbelaar . . . emphatically denied he took bribes to fix games and promised to sue the media over the allegations. He promised to co-operate fully with a Football Association inquiry.

BY PADDY AGNEW

Up for grabs!

With Milan floundering, the 1994-95 title race is wide open

MORE FANS watched the match between Lazio and AS Roma at the Olympic Stadium than watched the 1990 Argentina-West Germany World Cup Final at the same venue.

That bold statistic says much about the changing life and times of Italian soccer.

The 76,000 fans who paid nearly $2million to watch the Rome derby were celebrating the fact that, after more than a decade in the doldrums, Italy's capital city had taken an unaccustomed place at the centre of soccer attention.

Throughout the past decade, the derbies of Milan (Milan v Internazionale), Turin (Juventus v Torino) and Genoa (Sampdoria v Genoa) have often proved critical to the overall outcome of the championship, with the Rome derby relegated to a colourful matter of local interest only.

Five of the past seven titles have gone to the city of Milan, with Naples and Genoa the only interlopers.

That is over. Milan's defeats by Ajax in the Champions Cup in November and Velez Sarsfield in the World Club Cup have made it clear beyond all doubt that the 1994-95 Italian title is up for grabs. And among those reaching out to grab it are the two Roman sides, Roma and Lazio (hence the excitement created by the derby), as well as Parma, Juventus and Fiorentina.

Parma have long been the experts' favourite for the role of pretenders to the Milan throne. So far this season they have lived up to that expectation, leading the championship, if not at a merry gallop, at least at a brisk and respectable canter.

Curiously, Parma have not been playing all that well but, in the manner of championship-winning sides, they have continued to pick up results. Perhaps it was no coincidence that twice in three games in November, they struck winning goals in injury time against Roma and Foggia, while in the third match, Parma came from 1-0 down at a rain-sodden San Siro to draw with Milan.

Parma's dynamic little attacker, Gianfranco Zola, has no doubts as to the reason for his side's consistent results: "The fact that we've twice won in injury time this season is no coincidence . . . it's proof that we have a winning mentality."

That mentality will have to survive and flourish for the rest of the season without the help of Tomas Brolin, who will be out until after next summer because he broke an ankle playing for Sweden in a 2-0 European Championship win over Hungary.

Brolin will be sorely missed. He has dropped back to play in midfield this season and to great effect too. In his absence the club will hope that the current muscular problems of their out-of-form Colombian striker, Faustino Asprilla, are quickly resolved.

The 'Old Lady' of Italian soccer, Juventus, go into the hat of possible title-winners, and for precisely the same reason as Parma.

Although without injured players, including Roberto Baggio, Didier Deschamps, Luca Fusi, Antonio Conte and Paulo Sousa, Juventus have continued to put results together (including a 1-0 defeat of Milan), while not exactly setting the world on fire with creative soccer.

Coach Marcello Lippi, Serie A's Paul Newman lookalike, admitted as much about his team following a not entirely comfortable 2-1 away win over newly-promoted and struggling Padova.

"Our success wasn't total and we didn't play particularly well," he said. "But it is precisely that fact, that admission on my part, that makes me value the three good points picked up here. Everybody knows that to win the title, you have to win games like this."

Another plus point for Juventus is that striker Gianluca Vialli appears finally to be coming out of a two-year spell of injury and poor form. Goals against Cremonese and Reggiana ended a worrying dry spell in front of goal, suggesting that the worst is now behind him.

One man has had no difficulty hitting the net with intimidating regularity this season: Fiorentina's Argentinian striker Gabriel Batistuta.

His recent record *(see right)* is an obvious indication of the overall worth of the Fiorentina side. In Portuguese midfielder Rui Costa, goalkeeper Francesco Toldo, midfielder Anselmo Robbiati, Brazilian defender Marcio Santos and striker Francesco Baiano, there is talent enough to remain in title contention right down to the last Sunday of the season.

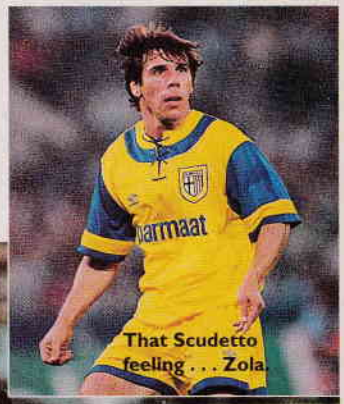
What of the rest, thus far? The Rome derby ended with an impressive Lazio finally put out of their stride, with a 3-0 defeat by Roma.

Until then, most neutral observers would have suggested that Lazio had greater all-round quality and stronger championship credentials than their rivals. And despite that resounding defeat, that analysis could well hold.

Lazio, after all, have Giuseppe Signori, Croatian Alen Boksic and Roberto Rambaudi all looking good in attack, while Dutch midfielder Aron Winter and Argentinian left-back Jose Chamot continue to look like two of the best in their positions in the entire Serie A.

The Rome derby, however, reminded us that any side with Uruguayan Daniel Fonseca and Argentinian Abel Balbo in a devastating twin attack must be greatly respected. Between them the pair have scored 12 of Roma's 17 goals.

Outside the challenging zone, we find that the two sides from Puglia, Bari and Foggia, have made a more than respectable start and look well on target to ensuring First Division survival.



That Scudetto feeling . . . Zola.

Record breaker . . . Gabriel Batistuta.

Angel Gabriel

GABRIEL BATISTUTA broke a 32-year-old Italian record when he scored for Fiorentina against Samdoria.

His penalty in a 2-2 draw with Sampdoria meant the Argentinian World Cup striker had scored in the first 11 League games of the season, beating the run enjoyed by Ezio Pascutti for Bologna at the start of the 1962-63 campaign.

The remarkable run, which brought him 13 goals, prompted one of the quotes of the season: "Just a second before taking the penalty, I thought to myself that I had an appointment with destiny. I couldn't miss."

Batistuta claims that Fiorentina coach Claudio Ranieri said at the start of season that the Argentinian could return home for Christmas if he scored 10 League goals.

Date	Opponent	Goals
Sep 4	Cagliari (h)	One
Sep 11	Genoa (a)	One
Sep 18	Cremonese (h)	Two
Sep 25	Internazionale (a)	One
Oct 2	Lazio (h)	One
Oct 16	Reggiana (a)	One (pen)
Oct 23	Padova (h)	One (pen)
Oct 30	Brescia (a)	One
Nov 6	Bari (h)	One (pen)
Nov 20	Napoli (a)	Two (one pen)
Nov 27	Sampdoria (h)	One (pen)

Last rites for Sacchi

THE LUCK finally ran out. In his time, Italian coach Arrigo Sacchi has made the most of it, luck that is.

From the qualifying group for the 1994 World Cup right through to the USA '94 Final itself, Sacchi's Italy have scraped through where other, better sides have found themselves on an early flight home.

In November in Palermo, however, Italy were finally and cruelly found out when beaten 2-1 by Croatia in a European Championship qualifier. This is a case where the scoreline tells only part of the story, and not just because the Italian goal came with the last kick of the match in injury time.

More revealing perhaps is an analysis of a brief passage, early in the second half. In a move lasting more than two minutes, Croatia knocked together 24 consecutive passes, starting in the Croat half and ending with the second Croat goal. Italy, quite frankly, were outclassed.

Italians, media and fans alike, know their soccer. Next morning, the sports daily *Corriere Dello Sport* did not mince words with its banner headline: "SHAME ON YOU". Opinion polls taken on the future of Sacchi immediately after the game suggested that more than 70 per cent of fans now want him to resign.

One neo-Fascist MP, Nicola Pasetto, called for Sacchi's resignation, threatening to table a parliamentary question about the poor return gained by Italian soccer from the huge salary currently paid to Sacchi ($7.5million over four years).

In vain, Sacchi might protest that only four months ago his team were just one missed penalty kick away from winning the World Cup. Nor does it help his cause when he explains away recent, disappointing performances as an inevitable consequence of post-America anti-climax.

Italians, professionals and fans alike, know otherwise. The reality of Sacchi's Italy is that the side has played badly for the three years of his managership.

As Sacchi's predecessor, Azeglio Vicini put it last month: "Second place in the World Cup finals this summer was a great result, all right. But fans know how to tell one thing from another. Italy got into the second round as the 16th of 16, thanks only to the system of best third-placed sides.

"And then in subsequent games, particularily against Nigeria, the side was within inches of elimination. In short, the team survived on the last minute, improvised brilliance of one or two individuals rather than on any well-established game pattern. My side finished the 1990 World Cup unbeaten and we didn't put on any performances like those of this Italy against Nigeria or Spain."

Sacchi's current difficulties are all the more embarrassing for both the Italian Federation and Italian media in that never before has a national coach received the same gentle treatment as that afforded Sacchi. The Federation has re-written the calendars of the three last seasons around Sacchi's requirements not only for a pre-match break in the league programme but also for special three or four-day training sessions, held not for any forthcoming match but as an end in themselves.

On the media front, too, no Italian national coach has ever managed to get such a smooth ride for three such poor years.

The Federation and media patience are about to run out. Sacchi's insistence on continally changing the team – he has now called up more than 70 players in three years – looks more and more the work of a confused man. Suggestions, too, that the overall quality of Italian soccer players is simply poor are refuted by experts like Vicini, who says: "As far as I can see, there are at least five Italian players in the running for European Player of the Year. There are good players around, make no mistake about that."

RESULTS

SERIE A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Parma	11	7	3	1	19	9	24
Juventus	10	7	2	1	14	6	23
Fiorentina	11	6	4	1	26	15	22
Lazio	11	6	3	2	21	11	21
Roma	11	5	5	1	17	7	20
Bari	11	6	1	4	13	11	19
Foggia	11	4	5	2	13	9	17
Cagliari	11	4	4	3	9	8	16
Sampdoria	11	3	5	3	14	9	14
Internazionale	11	3	5	3	10	8	14
Milan	10	3	4	3	7	8	13
Cremonese	11	4	0	7	9	14	12
Torino	9	3	2	4	9	11	11
Genoa	11	3	2	6	13	19	11
Napoli	11	2	5	4	15	22	11
Padova	11	2	2	7	10	26	8
Brescia	11	0	3	8	6	19	3
Reggiana	11	0	3	8	5	18	3

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

MIDWEEK

ITALIAN CUP — 3RD RND, 2ND LEG

INTERNAZIONALE 2
MILAN 1
Internazionale won 4-2 on agg

TORINO 2
FOGGIA 1
Foggia won 4-2 on agg

SAMPDORIA 1
FIORENTINA 1
Fiorentina won 3-2 on agg

PIACENZA 2
LAZIO 3
Lazio won 6-5 on agg

CREMONESE 0
NAPOLI 1
Napoli won 4-0 on agg

AS ROMA 3
GENOA 0
AS Roma won 3-2 on agg

REGGIANA 2
JUVENTUS 1
Juventus won 3-2 on agg

CAGLIARI 1
PARMA 1
Parma won 3-1 on agg

WEEKEND

BARI 4 (Protti 7, 56, Tovalierei 10, 90)
GENOA 1 (Van 't Schip 60). **Att:** 23,000.

BRESCIA 2 (Gallo 67, Ambrosetti 77)
FIORENTINA 4 (Batistuta 31, Di Mauro 41, Flachi 61, Rui Costa 76). **Att:** 12,000.

CAGLIARI 1 (Valdes 3)
TORINO 0. **Att:** 19,000.

INTER 1 (Delvecchio 88)
REGGIANA 0. **Att:** 34,500.

JUVENTUS 1 (Baggio 44)
MILAN 0. **Att:** 60,000.

LAZIO 1 (Casiraghi 73)
CREMONESE 0. **Att:** 44,175.

PADOVA 0
FOGGIA 0. **Att:** 13,000.

PARMA 1 (Zola 89)
AS **ROMA 0**. **Att:** 28,000.

SAMPDORIA 0
NAPOLI 0. **Att:** 28,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WEEKEND

CREMONESE 2 (Tentoni 43, Florjancic 88)
SAMPDORIA 0. **Att:** 6,000.

FIORENTINA 2 (Cois 7, Batistuta pen 75)
BARI 0. **Att:** 35,000.

FOGGIA 2 (Bressan 42, Bresciani 90)
CAGLIARI 0. **Att:** 13,000.

GENOA 2 (Van't Schip 14, Ruotolo 65)
INTER 1 (Delvecchio 44). **Att:** 22,000.

MILAN 1 (Massaro 33)
PARMA 1 (Crippa 74). **Att:** 60,000.

PADOVA 2 (Kreek 70, Coppola 84)
BRESCIA 0. **Att:** 11,000.

REGGIANA 0
LAZIO 0. **Att:** 13,000.

AS ROMA 1 (Moriero 70)
NAPOLI 1 (Boghossian 38). **Att:** 58,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WEEKEND

BARI 2 (De Agostini og 5, Tovalieri 60)
CREMONESE 0. **Att:** 19,865.

BRESCIA 0
AS ROMA 0. **Att:** 12,683.

CAGLIARI 1 (Pusceddu 82)
GENOA 0. **Att:** 12,235.

JUVENTUS 3 (Vialli 22, 67, Del Piero 84)
REGGIANA 1 **Att:** 39,208.

LAZIO 5 (Rambaudi 45, Winter 50, 90, Signori 51, Di Vaio 78)
PADOVA 1 (Maniero 9). **Att:** 40,169.

MILAN 1 (Maldini 49)
INTER 1 (Fontolan 3). **Att:** 71,000.

NAPOLI 2 (Agostini 54, 58)
FIORENTINA 5 (Cruz og 15, Cannavero og 73, Cois 81, Batistuta 84, pen 90). **Att:** 50,000.

PARMA 2 (D. Baggio 90, Couto 90)
FOGGIA 0. **Att:** 23,526.

SAMPDORIA 1(Jugovic 49)
TORINO 1 (Osio 72). **Att:** 30,000.

LEADING SCORERS

1 .....Gabriel **BATISTUTA** (Fiorentina).....13
2 .....Abel **BALBO** (AS Roma).....8
3 .....Giuseppe **SIGNORI** (Lazio).....7
4 .....Sandro **TOVALIERI** (Bari).....6
5 .....Massimo **AGOSTINI** (Napoli).....5
Marco **BRANCA** (Parma).....5

Gullit's move unsettles Milan

RUUD GULLIT'S surprise move from Milan back to Sampdoria, in a straight swap with striker Alessandro Melli, sounded like a death knell for a once-great side.

Gullit may well have gone because of dressing-room problems and, in particular, tensions between himself and elder team senators such as Franco Baresi and Daniele Massaro.

They may have felt the need to remind Gullit that, in the year he had been away with Sampdoria, they had won the Italian title and the Champions Cup without him.

Gullit may also have moved back to Genoa because of familiar problems with Milan coach Fabio Capello. Their understanding has never been total.

One still suspects that Gullit would have opted to put up with such problems if he had thought Milan 1994-95 represented a winning ticket. His departure, after only nine League games, can only be interpreted as a massive vote of no confidence in the reigning Italian and European Champions.

At Internazionale, relations with controversial Dutch stars do not seem much better. Dennis Bergkamp is still up for auction, but nobody seems interested at the current asking price of nearly $12million.

Bergkamp's compatriot in the Inter squad, Wim Jonk, has been so consistently injured or dropped in recent times that he told a Dutch reporter three months had passed since coach Ottavio Bianchi had spoken to him.

To which Bianchi replied: "That's because I haven't seen him on the pitch for three months."

● GIUSEPPE 'PIPPO' MARCHIORO was the most recent figure with good reason to reflect on the fickleness of football following a month in which he was sacked from relegation-zone strugglers Reggiana, only to be offered the Genoa job within weeks.

Marchioro, after six years at Reggiana, was replaced by Enzo Ferrari (no relation the late motor car wizard of the same name), while he himself relieved Francesco 'Il Professore' Scoglio of his responsibilities at the always-lively Genoa.

Four Italian First Division clubs have now changed coaches since the beginning of the season.

● GOALS FROM Gianluca Vialli and Fabrizio Ravanelli gave Juventus a clearcut 3-0 victory over AS Roma in the first leg of the Italian Cup quarter-finals. Roma had defenders Carboni and Petruzzi sent off in a match watched by only 3,300 fans in Turin. In the other quarter-final first legs, League-leaders Parma beat Fiorentina 2-0, while Inter defeated Foggia 1-0 and Lazio overcame Napoli 1-0.

● ROBERTO BAGGIO scored the 200th and 201st goals of his career in Juventus' 3-1 UEFA Cup defeat of Admira Wacker, while his Juve team-mate Gianluca Vialli notched up his 100th career goal in his side's 3-2 League win over Fiorentina.

● JAPANESE striker Kazuyoshi Miura scored his first Serie A goal in Genoa's 3-2 defeat by city-rivals Sampdoria.

BY GRAHAM TURNER

Donato's dream debut

Deportivo's Brazilian-born defender Donato is the latest player to get the call up from national coach Javier Clemente

Impressive debut . . . Brazil-born Spanish cap Donato.

JAVIER CLEMENTE, having admitted 54 players to the Spanish dressing room in just over two years, could be forgiven for hanging a 'Vacancies' sign on the door, and could have few complaints if someone pencilled 'Spaniards need not apply' underneath.

Having selected Danish-born Thomas Christensen and Italian-born Pier, he has now called up Brazilian-born Donato and Argentinian-born Juan Antonio Pizzi while offering an international career to Dutch-born Jordi Cruyff.

'Foreigners', of course, are nothing new. The likes of Alfredo di Stefano, Ladislao Kubala and even Ruben Cano (scorer of the goal which took Spain to the 1978 World Cup finals) have made their mark. But, with all due respect, Clemente's recruits have not been imported wearing 'world class' labels.

Christiansen was selected before he had played a First Division game and still has not made the grade in the top flight. Pier has not been an automatic first-team choice either at Tenerife or Sporting Gijon. Pizzi took part in only half Valencia's games last season. And Donato, signed by Deportivo from Atletico Madrid, has made his debut for Spain only a month before his 32nd birthday.

Clemente hinted that his international career might last little longer than it takes to say Donato da Gama Silva, born in the Rio suburb of De Odoro (does that make him a De Odorant?) and signed from Vasco da Gama in 1988.

"Hierro and Guardiola are injured," explained Clemente, "and I thought Donato could do their holding job in midfield."

He did it so well against Denmark that it would be an injustice if he were never to don the red shirt again, and rounded off an impressive debut by beating Schmeichel for the second goal.

Pizzi played no part in the proceedings and the other debut was a richly-deserved reward for Zaragoza right-back Alberto Belsue.

Clemente prepared for the match in his usual brash style, putting so many noses out of joint that one paper remarked "the man's true vocation is to be a pig-farmer". He certainly used the bacon-slicer on a Danish side who, once again, found insufficient answers in midfield. "We never seem to learn from past experiences against the Spaniards," complained Michael Laudrup. "We keep tripping over the same stone."

Even admitting Danish shortcomings, Spain's 3-0 win strengthens suspicions that if Terry Venables is starting to run the rule across potential enemies in the Euro '96 finals, he will find plenty of excuses for return trips across the Pyrenees.

Clemente is building on the World Cup foundations of speed, strength and devastating runs from deep positions. Fans will find the current side difficult to equate with traditions of Latin artistry but, as Italy will testify, you need a bit of luck to beat them.

If you're wondering where Jordi Cruyff fits into all this, the answer is that he probably doesn't. Having made enough first-team appearances to earn himself a fully pro contract valid until June 1977, he attracted the attention of Dick Advocaat, who wanted to include him in the Dutch squad for the home game against Luxembourg.

This caused great embarrassment in the Cruyff household. A decision on his international career is a responsibility which, even though Jordi is only a couple of months short of 21, he has been shirking.

His dilemma has highlighted a shady area in the Spanish rule-book. Whereas UEFA would have no qualms about admitting him to European tournaments as an assimilated foreigner, the Spanish rules define foreigners as any player unable to represent Spain at international level.

So one appearance in the orange shirt his dad wore 48 times would oblige Jordi to compete with Romario, Koeman, Stoichkov and Hagi for one of the three foreign berths permitted by Spanish regulations. As soon as he heard of Advocaat's intentions, Clemente announced he would be prepared to select Jordi for Spain, but Cruyff Junior continues to sidestep the issue.

One name which is more likely to appear on the squad list for Euro '96 is that of Raul Gonzalez Blanco, unknown two months ago and now being shielded Giggs-style from the media who hail him as a superstar.

Jorge Valdano surprised all and sundry by fielding Raul in Real Madrid's 3-2 League defeat in Zaragoza, where the 17-year-old produced a sensational performance marred only by youthful excesses such as rounding the goalkeeper and blazing the ball over the bar.

A week later Raul marked his Bernabeu debut by striking a superb goal in the red-hot derby against Atletico, and was then brought back to less-hallowed earth when ordered to return to the third team for a match against Mostoles. He scored both goals in a 2-0 win and was promptly brought back to the first team, with Emilio Butragueno to the bench.

Barcelona promptly tried to rock the Real boat by offer to sign 'The Vulture' when his contract expires in June. "I have to accept the situation," says Butragueno. "I was the same age as Raul when I made my debut for Real, and Valdano quite rightly says the boy is too good to leave out."

The Boy was born in one of Atletico's strongholds in Madrid, Villaverde Alto, on June 27, 1977, and was working his way through the Atletico youth scheme when Jesus Gil decided to scrap it.

He signed for Real in 1992, much to the disgust of his father Pedro, an electrician equally keen on bullfighting and Atletico Madrid, who had foreseen a glittering future in a red-and-white shirt for the youngest of his three children – especially after one campaign when the Under-14 team scored 175 goals and conceded one.

Valdano summoned Raul to train with the first team on Thursday October 27 and, as the saying goes, a star was born.

His emergence is just one more in the long line of Atletico hard luck stories. Last month we reported the demise of coach Francisco Maturana.

His replacement is Jorge D'Alessandro, the Argentinian who had to have a kidney removed as a result of goalkeeping heroics for Salamanca, and saved Atletico from relegation after taking over for the final nine games of last

Impressive performance . . . 17-year-old Raul.

Stadium on standby

LOOKS LIKE an eleventh-hour reprieve for Seville. The Denmark match was going to be *adios* but has turned out to be *hasta la vista*.

As readers might remember, the Spanish Federation were set to move the big games away from the city which always has been the best Number 12 for the national team.

Failure to meet UEFA's requirements on seating meant that capacity at the Sanchez Pizjuan stadium ***(below)*** had to be reduced from 63,000 to 38,000. But on the eve of the match, the Sevilla and Betis presidents were called to a meeting by the major of the city, along with Federation president Angel Villa.

They reached an agreement whereby the two clubs are committed to improvement work in time for the Belgium match in March.

At the same time the mayor made it clear that the city would be prepared to build an Olympic Stadium (to back the 2004 candidature) provided at least one of the clubs agreed to adopt it as their home ground.

season. President Gil, of course, attributed 18th place not only to poor management but to poorer refereeing. The standard, as usual, has created all sorts of controversy, to the extent where the referees have been banned from talking about matches they handle. Usually they give interviews before, during and after games.

Club presidents also might benefit from a whisper that silence is golden. Gil has been more virulent than ever, but Real's Ramon Mendoza, Barcelona's Josep Lluis Nunez and Valencia's Francisco Roig (still in the presidential chair despite a shareholders' attempt at a coup d'etat), have been at each other's throats.

Mendoza has called presidential elections at Real while the club battles against the financial burden and toys with all sorts of ideas about issuing bonds or shares, starting commercial developments at the training complex and selling the loss-making basketball team.

Having originally announced his intention to stand down, Mendoza is now up for re-election.

● Spain beat Finland 2-0 in a friendly in Malaga last month, with goals from Miguel Angel Nadal, after 11 minutes, and Juan Goicoechea, four minutes from time.

Tears for Tosh

JOHN TOSHACK'S dismissal by Real Sociedad came as a shock to everyone – and that speaks volumes for the reputation he enjoys in Spain.

Elsewhere, seven points from 11 games and a position deep in the relegation zone would have been clear pointers to the exit door, but the Real president, Luis Uranga, had tears in his eyes when he announced: "We are not just saying goodbye to a coach. We are saying goodbye to a great friend." Toshack was the longest-serving foreign manager in Spanish football, with 10 consecutive seasons since arriving from Lisbon.

He led Sociedad to their first Copa del Rey victory, in 1987, and in the following season they were runners-up in both League and Cup. In 1990 he won the League with Real Madrid, establishing an all-time scoring record in the process, and was welcomed back to Sociedad in 1991. He became the club's longest-serving manager, and left with a record of 140 wins, 87 draws and 104 defeats in 331 matches, with the goal chart reading 447-386.

In order words, Tosh had become something of an institution, and this was what provoked the emotional parting of the ways. The board felt that a fresh spark was needed, while recognising that he had changed the whole philosophy of the club and, since his return in 1991, had led the 'donostiarras' out of a tight financial corner.

Assistant Salva Iriarte has taken over on a provisional basis and Toshack has retired gracefully. He would refuse to say as much, but knows that there will be no shortage of job offers – speculation immediatley linked him with the job as Wales manager – for a man who has become deeply respected by players and his fellow coaches in Spain.

● **REAL MADRID midfielder Michel will be out for six months after snapping ligaments in his right knee against Real Sociedad.**

"I won't be wearing white again this season, but I can't complain too much," said Michel, who will require surgery. "I've been playing professionally for 14 years and until now have never suffered a serious injury."

Deportivo La Coruna 'keeper Juan Canales was more fortunate. He was carried off against Barcelona but his knee ligament damage is less severe and will only sideline him for six weeks.

● **A LAST-MINUTE goal by former Nou Camp hero Julio Salinas enabled Deportivo La Coruna to snatch an away draw against champions Barcelona and stay level with Real Madrid at the top of the First Division.**

Barcelona had looked to be on their way to a confidence-boosting win after recent defeats by Sevilla in the League and by Turkey's Galatasaray in the Champions League.

Respected . . . Toshack.

A Ronald Koeman free-kick gave Barcelona a 33rd-minute lead. They could have gone further ahead but Romario, way short of last season's form, missed an easy chance in front of an empty goal in the second half.

● **FORMER ATLETICO MADRID boss Francisco Maturana could soon be back in work.**

He has been asked by the Equador Football Federation to become the national team coach.

RESULTS

PRIMERA DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	12	8	2	2	29	14	18
La Coruna	12	7	4	1	23	12	18
Real Zaragoza	12	7	3	2	20	13	17
Barcelona	12	7	2	3	20	12	16
Athletici Bilbao	12	7	2	3	12	11	16
Real Betis	12	5	5	2	20	7	15
Espanol	12	4	6	2	20	11	14
Sevilla	12	5	3	4	14	11	13
Celta	12	4	5	3	12	14	13
Valencia	12	5	2	5	16	16	12
Compostela	12	4	4	4	13	15	12
Sporting Gijon	12	4	3	5	15	23	11
Tenerife	12	3	4	5	15	18	10
Real Oviedo	12	4	2	6	12	15	10
Santander	12	3	3	6	13	16	9
Atletico Madrid	12	3	2	7	21	21	8
Real Sociedad	12	2	4	6	12	18	8
Albacete	12	2	4	6	15	23	8
Real Valladolid	12	2	3	7	6	22	7
Logrones	12	0	5	7	5	19	5

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

WEEKEND

ATLETICO MADRID 0
BETIS 2 (Aquino 35, Stosic 78). **Att:** 40,000.

COMPOSTELA 2 (Lecumberri 30, Christensen 81)
LOGRONES 0. **Att:** 9,000.

ESPANOL 5 (Lardin 8, 30, Roberto 9, Raducioiu 21, Zalazar pen 39)
ALBACETE 1 (Arteaga 34). **Att:** 20,000.

REAL OVIEDO 1 (Jankovic 61)
REAL VALLADOLID 0. **Att:** 15,000.

RACING SANTANDER 0
BILBAO 2 (Ciganda 69, 76). **Att:** 22,000.

SEVILLA 5 (Pineda 42, Suker 45, Pablo og 65, Moya 70, Rafa Paz 82)
SPORTING GIJON 1 (Moran 79). **Att:** 30,000.

REAL SOCIEDAD 1 (Kodro 79)
BARCELONA 1 (Romario 34). **Att:** 25,000.

TENERIFE 1 (Pizzi 46)
LA CORUNA 1 (Aldana 32). **Att:** 20,000.

VALENCIA 1 (Mijatovic 6)
CELTA VIGO 0. **Att:** 45,000.

REAL ZARAGOZA 3 (Esnaider 7, 51, Poyet 86)
REAL MADRID 2 (Zamorano 56, Amavisca 78). **Att:** 37,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

MIDWEEK

REAL MADRID 4 (Michel pen 21, Zamorano 25, 44, Raul 36)
ATLETICO MADRID 2 (Kosecki 26, Simeone pen 45). **Att:** 107,000.

ALBACETE 1 (Andonov 70)
COMPOSTELA 3 (Abadia 49, Christensen 73, 90). **Att:** 10,000.

ATHLETIC BILBAO 1 (Karanka 19)
ESPANOL 3 (Brnovic 4, Francisco 55, Raducioiu 71). **Att:** 32,000.

BARCELONA 1 (Stoichkov 35)
REAL OVIEDO 0. **Att:** 85,000.

BETIS SEVILLA 1 (Olias 44)
VALENICA 1 (Fernando 86). **Att:** 35,000.

CELTA 3 (Gil 31, Alejo 78, Salinas 84)
TENERIFE 2 (Victor 30, Juanele 65). **Att:** 18,000.

LA CORUNA 3 (Fran 41, Kostadinov 68, Aldana 88)
REAL SOCIEDAD 1 (Kodro 85). **Att:** 22,000.

SPORTING GIJON 2 (Pablo 64, Moran pen 74)
RACING SANTANDER 3 (Quique Setien pen 32, Popov 37, Radchenko 60). **Att:** 17,900.

LOGRONES 0
REAL ZARAGOZA 0. **Att:** 13,000.

REAL VALLADOLID 0
SEVILLA 4 (Suker 32, 41, Quique Estebaranz 87, Moya 89). **Att:** 12,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WEEKEND

COMPESTELA 0
BILBAO 1 (Larrazabal pen 34). **Att:** 12,000.

REAL OVIEDO 2 (Cristobal 2, Rivas 90)
LA CORUNA 0. **Att:** 16,153.

VALENCIA 1 (Mijatovic 89)
REAL MADRID 2 (Amavisca 22, Zamorano 86). **Att:** 49,000.

REAL VALLADOLID 1 (Matosas 88)
BARCELONA 3 (Koeman pen 57, Stoichkov 67, Bakero 85). **Att:** 25,000.

ATLETICO MADRID 3 (Vizcaino 38, Dobrovolski 71, Caminero 76)
LOGRONES 0. **Att:** 35,000.

ESPANOL 1 (Roberto 51)
SPORTING GIJON 1 (Pier 68). **Att:** 20,000.

SEVILLA 1 (Marcos 56)
RACING SANTANDER 3 (Radchenko 9, 65, Esteban Torre 77). **Att:** 30,000.

REAL SOCIEDAD 2 (Lumbreras 6, Kodro 47)
CELTA 3 (Gudelj pen 39, 79, 86). **Att:** 13,000.

TENERIFE 1 (Latorre 70)
REAL BETIS 4 (Aquino 14, 29, Robert Rios 76, Cuellar 90). **Att:** 16,000.

REAL ZARAGOZA 1 (Poyet 68)
ALBACETE 0. **Att:** 25,000.

LEADING SCORERS

1 ..... Ivan **ZAMORANO** (Real Madrid) 11
2 ..... Meho **KODRO** (Real Sociedad) 8
3 ..... Angel **CUELLAR** (Real Betis) 7
Juan **ESNAIDER** (Real Zaragoza) 7
Pedrag **MIJATOVIC** (Valencia) 7

Zamorano . . . top gun.

KLUIVERT

The Dutch boy wonder

Eric Nicholls on the teenage striker firing Ajax Amsterdam to success

BACK IN 1970 I watched Arsenal beat Ajax at Highbury in the European Fairs Cup semi-final.

During that game I and many other people saw a fantastic young Dutch player for the first time. He wore the number 14 on his shirt; his name was Johan Cruyff.

Two years later Arsenal met him again. This time in the quarter-final of the Champions Cup, which Ajax won. They went on to win the second of their three Champions Cups, with both goals coming from Cruyff in their 2-0 final win against Internazionale. They had already beaten Panathinaikos 2-0 at Wembley in 1971, and were to go on – after the Arsenal affair – to a 1-0 final win over Juventus in 1973.

Things were really moving for Ajax in the football world. Cruyff became the first player in Europe to bring his club close to £1million (£922,300 to be precise) for his transfer to Barcelona. And Cruyff was voted European Player of the Year three times. Now what, you might ask, has that got to do with 1994. Cruyff and so many of his team-mates during that successful period had been brought up in the Ajax football school.

The production lines have not stopped. That's why this season Patrick Kluivert, an 18-year-old striker, has jumped from the school straight into the Ajax first team to become the new hot-shot of Dutch football. And in his case hot-shot is not a bad title.

By November he had climbed to the top of the Dutch League scoring chart. He then got a call-up into the Dutch national team for their European Championship game against the Czech Republic, as replacement for the injured Dennis Bergkamp.

Kluivert came on as substitute for the final 20 minutes, but he could not find the net. Neither could anybody else in the goalless draw. "When you come on as a sub it is always difficult when things are not going right for the team," he said honestly.

Manager Dick Advocaat compared Kluivert with Bryan Roy and described them both as individuals who go for action when they gain possession.

Kluivert has been described as a typical Amsterdammer – a lively player with plenty of confidence. But not over-confidence. As he quietly says himself: "I still have a lot to learn."

Apart from his own dedication a lot of Patrick's talent has come from the Ajax school. There they learn all about discipline, ball control, set pieces and the Ajax way of playing attacking 'total' football. As kids they start with three coaching sessions a week, building up to five when they are in their last one or two years as a youth player.

It does not stop there. Ajax have professional teachers available to help the boys with the other kind of school work, including home-work of course. And if any youngster has problems at school, a teacher will contact the school to try to solve the problem.

With Kluivert in the first-team squad is another 18-year-old. Clarence Seedorf may not be in the first team quite as often as Patrick, but he made a superb debut two years ago. As a 16-year-old.

Seedorf played in a mid-week game for Ajax – and the following morning was back behind his desk at a secondary modern school in Amsterdam.

But back to Kluivert. After a game in Athens earlier this season Danny Blind, his captain, described his first half as fantastic, when he was always available and created chances for his team-mates that showed a quality beyond his years.

Kluivert himself talked of concentration that he had learned in the Under-18s. Stepping up at this level was not something you could learn overnight.

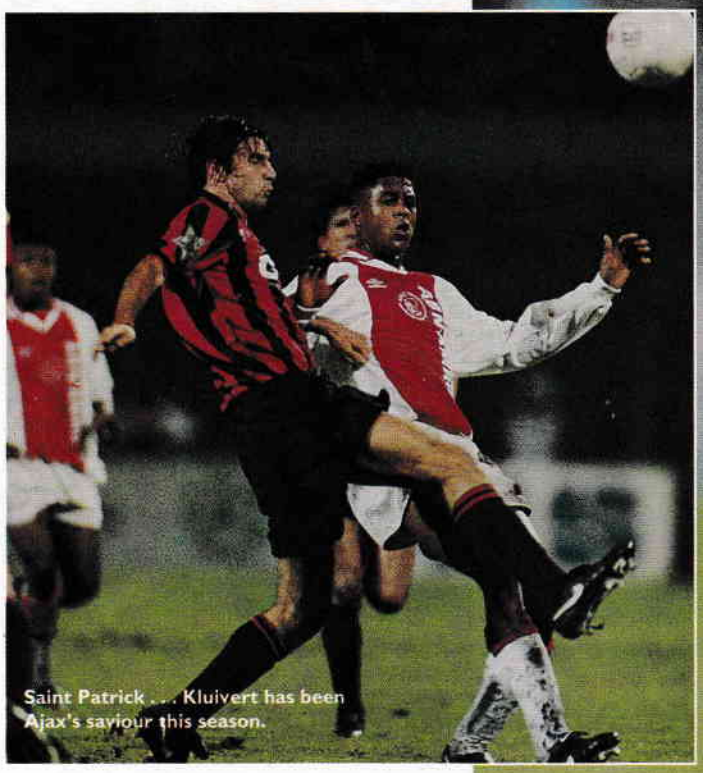
He has been described as the perfect striker, an all-rounder playing in the old centre-forward position who can also be used as a target man.

Kluivert himself is a bit worried that Jari Litmanen, last year's League top scorer and winner of the goal of the year trophy, is not scoring as many for Ajax this season: "I could do a bit more for Jari if he was closer to me on the field. He is a perfect player, but it has to be accepted that because he scored so many goals last season he has more opponents watching him. Most times they put a marker on him. That makes life more difficult for Jari, but sometimes creates a bit more space for me."

Litmanen himself understands the situation: "I do appreciate it does depend on how deep I play. But for me football is a team game and it doesn't matter who puts the ball in the net."

Manager Louis Van Gaal has obviously the same beliefs as Wim Kieft, who knows all about the Ajax school.

Kieft has said you cannot put too much pressure on a young player too soon. Early days obviously have their ups and downs. So it was for Kluivert, who began the League game against PSV in Eindhoven in the dugout and came on as a sub. The same happened after the Champions League home tie against Austria Casino Salzburg because Van Gaal felt two important games in such a short time might be too much for a youngster. Again, Kluivert came on as a sub.



Saint Patrick . . . Kluivert has been Ajax's saviour this season.

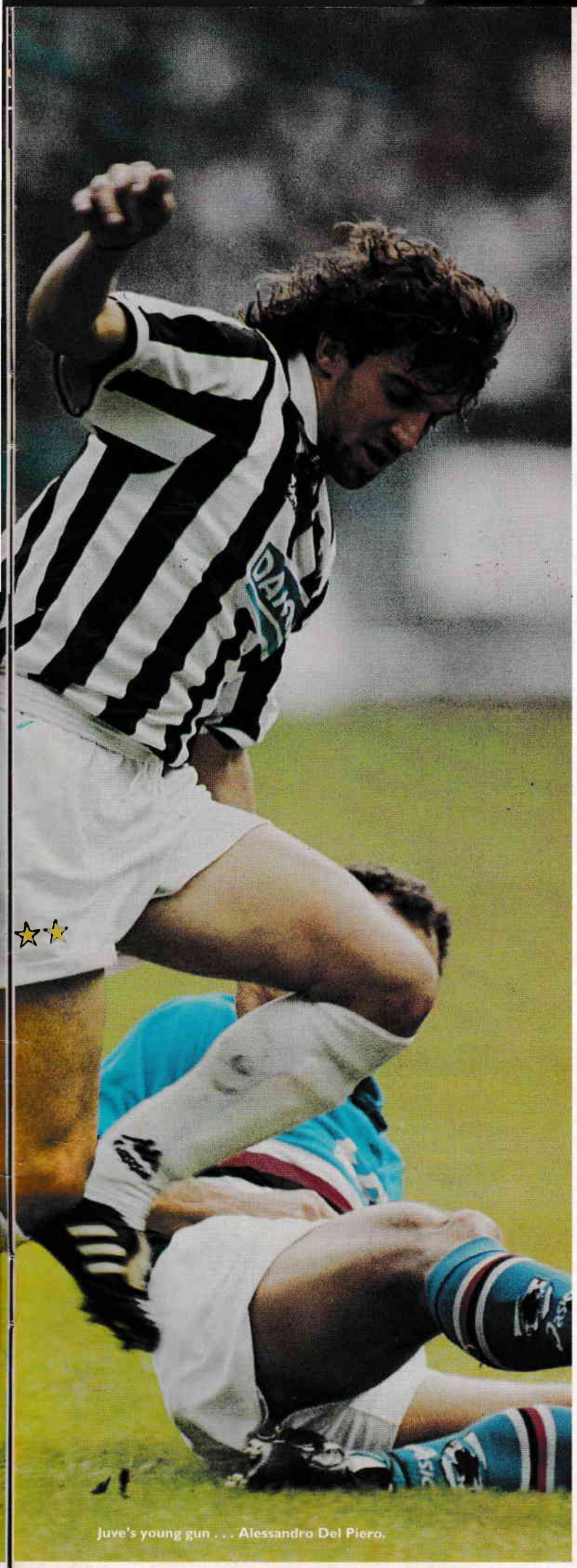
Despite veterans such as captain Danny Blind and Frank Rijkaard, the average age of the Ajax first team is an improbable 22.

Ajax admit they were looking or an orthodox striker in the summer. The name Ronaldo came up. They were also offered the return of Wim Kieft from Eindhoven.

But Patrick Kluivert has provided an answer. And the club is convinced that the days of Johan Cruyff are far from over.

Patrick Kluivert is the latest in a long line of players to come through the Ajax youth ranks. Other graduates include . . .

Johan Cruyff, Piet Keizer, Arie Haan, Sjaak Swart, Wim Suurbier, Theo Van Duivenboe, Johnny Rep, Ruud Krol, Barry Hulshoff, Richard Witschge (Bordeaux), **Rob Witschge** (Feyenoord), **Dennis Bergkamp** (Internazionale), **Frank Rijkaard, John Van't Schip** (Genoa), **Gerald Vanenberg** (Jubilo Iwata, Japan), **Aron Winter** (Lazio), **Bryan Roy** (Nottingham Forest), **Wim Kieft and Stanley Menzo** (PSV), **Michel Kreek** (Padova), **Clarence Seedorf, Edwin Van der Sar, Frank de Boer, Michael Reiziger, Sonny Silooy, Clyde Wijnhard, Edgar Davids, Tarik Oulida, Martijn Reuser, Ronald de Boer.**



Juve's young gun . . . Alessandro Del Piero.

DEL PIERO
Italy's golden boy

Ray Della Pietra on Juve's gifted youngster

EVERY SO often, a player with exceptional quality emerges to take football by storm. Italy believes it has unearthed one worthy of following in the footsteps of Roberto Baggio.

On the demanding stage which is Serie A, Alessandro Del Piero announced his arrival with a hat-trick on merely his third full League appearance. The shy, unassuming 20-year-old was covering for the injured Roberto Baggio in the end of March fixture against Parma, and he has since blossomed into one of Italy's brightest young prospects.

Del Piero played in 11 Serie A games last season – seven as a substitute – but claimed a commendable tally of five goals. At the start of the current Serie A campaign, while Roberto Baggio was still recuperating from his traumatic World Cup experience, both physically and emotionally, the young forward again wore the celebrated number 10 jersey with distinction. Once the reigning European Footballer of the Year reclaimed his place in Juve's first team, Del Piero was forced out of the limelight, but typically took his demotion graciously.

"I don't believe being the understudy to the greatest player in the world is anything to be ashamed of. I need more time. Let's now see whether it will be one year, two or even five years. The most important thing is to keep working hard then eventually we'll see how far I've come."

Strangely enough, Del Piero came mighty close to being sent on loan to Parma during the summer. Juve's about-turn was justified by his sparkling opening to this season, performances which have earned Del Piero comparisons with, not only Roberto Baggio, but also Paolo Rossi and Michel Platini.

"It's flattering to be compared to them, but I'm just Del Piero while they'll always be up there with the best. I have a great deal to learn and a lot still to achieve."

It remains a subject Juve's coach, Marcello Lippi, refuses to be drawn into: "It seems to be the fashion to look for similarities between Del Piero and great players past and present. I'll limit myself in saying that his shooting reminds me of Platini's – that's all. The thing which hits me about Alessandro is his natural talent. He is also very intelligent and quickly understands anything he's instructed to do and for a coach that's very important."

As a result of Del Piero's cool temperament, the outlook looks extremely bright, both for him and his club Juventus. His explosion onto the Italian scene might conceivable save the Turin giants millions on the transfer market, although star names like Cagliari's Luis Oliveira have already been pencilled in as possible signings.

Juve's problem is finding room in the team for the youngster. Gianluca Vialli, Roberto Baggio, and Fabrizio Ravanelli all have seniority over Del Piero. Many believe only a prolonged run in the first team will help the young forward realise his undoubted potential. Cesare Maldini, the coach of the Italian Under-21's is one of them.

"He's an exquisite player, one who knows how to entertain the fans," says Maldini. "It's imperative that he plays now."

Alessandro Del Piero was born on November 9, 1974, in Conegliano near Treviso in northern Italy. He started to show his potential with local boys' club, San Vendemiamo, before joining Padova, where he was scouted for Juventus by one of La Signora's favourite sons, the former Italian international Franco Causio. Del Piero was left to "mature" in Padua for a couple for years, and during this time he captained the national team at Under-18 level.

'It's flattering to be compared with Baggio, Rossi and Platini, but I am just Del Piero'

Juve summoned the then 18-year-old to their training camp in the summer of 1993 after he had made 14 first team appearances in the peninsula's Second Division. He made his Serie A debut as a substitute in Juve's 1-1 draw at Foggia four weeks into last season and scored his first top flight goal a week later in his club's 4-0 demotion of Reggiana. Giovanni Trapattoni, Juve's coach at the time, likened his young prodigy to the goalscoring legend Paolo Rossi.

As the season progressed, Del Piero drifted into the background to make way for the club's more illustrious names. In the meantime, he played a prominent role in the youth team's League title win – Juve's first since 1972 at that level.

Apart from hoping to secure Juve's first Scudetto since 1986, Alessandro Del Piero is also focusing his attentions on the Italian Under-21 side's attempt to win the European Championships for the third successive time. He seems to be coping well with the sudden excessive media exposure.

"Things have certainly changed. Before, I used to walk out of the changing rooms after a match and journalists didn't approach me. Now, as soon as they see me their notebooks are open."

No doubt to make another comparison with one of football's finest.

Germany

Marks by the million

This season, Bungesliga gates are breaking all records. Arthur Rotmil reports

THE BUNDESLIGA is experiencing the biggest spectator boom in its 31-year history. After 12 rounds the average gate was a record 31,000.

Predictions that German failure in the World Cup and saturation TV coverage would affect attendances have proved groundless.

Bayern Munich, despite unexpected setbacks, are attracting average crowds of 60,000. They are followed by Borussia Dortmund with 42,800, Schalke with 39,355, Kaiserslautern 37,643 and 1860 Munich 37,617.

Dortmund, the new title favourites, have sold out every home match. They were last champions in 1963, the year the Bundesliga was created, but now have the most prolific attack and the tightest defence.

Much credit must go to the management's efficient transfer dealings. Borussia again raided the Italian market, paying Juventus a total of £5million for Brazilian centre-back Julio Cesar and Germany's controversial midfield schemer Andy Moller.

Moller had a wretched World Cup, but has settled down well in Dortmund, where he played from 1987 to 1990.

Borussia thus continued the recent trend: in the past two years they have signed three other German internationals, Stefan Reuter, Matthias Sammer and Karlheinz Riedle, from Italian clubs.

Problems continue for Bayern coach Giovanni Trapattoni. On the pitch his team's erratic form has been compounded by internal squabblings involving French striker Jean-Pierre Papin and captain Lothar Matthaus. Off the field Trapattoni was censured at a German coaches meeting for criticising Bundesliga football.

How ironic then, that while the performances of the expensive stars are being critically analysed, the club's amateur section made triumphant headlines.

Their team knocked out the Cup-holders, Werder Bremen, and then put out powerful VfB Stuttgart to reach the quarter-finals. Now, the fans are clamouring for the inclusion of some of these amateurs in the first team.

New president Franz Beckenbauer, elected with an overwhelming majority, assured club members that his aim to make the club as big and powerful as Milan or Barcelona. But he is not likely to contribute much towards this goal.

'Der Kaiser' refuses to relinquish his job of TV commentator, nor will he give up his advertising contracts and promotional work. He warns that he cannot be expected to perform day-to-day presidential duties.

Bayern's efforts to sign Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp from Italy seem doomed to failure. Only success in the European Cup would provide funds for another costly newcomer. Papin, Alain Sutter and Oliver Kahn cost a total of £5million, but have failed to convince.

Dortmund new boys – Julio Cesar (above) and Andy Moller

Stefan stays silent

STEFAN EFFENBERG'S brilliant displays may have helped Borussia Monchengladbach to third place, but there is no question of him returning to the national side.

"I won't even discuss it," insists Effenberg, who was sent home from the World Cup in disgrace for making an obscene gesture to fans during the match against South Korea.

Manager Berti Vogts has no intention of resurrecting Bernd Schuster's international career, either. He will be 36 soon and Vogts says: "I wouldn't be doing Bernd any favours if I picked him. We can't risk rebuilding the team just to accommodate one player."

The Germans opened their Euro '96 campaign with a laborious 2-1 win in Albania, thanks to goals from Jurgen Klinsmann and Ulf Kirsten.

● **FORMER Bayern Munclch star Roland Wohlfarth has returned to Germany from St Etienne.**

The 31-year-old Wohlfarth, a former Budesliga top scorer, has signed a two-and-a-half year contract with VfL Bochum. Wohlfarth was one of the first signings of Bochum's new coach, Klaus Toppmoller, who replaced Jergen Gelsdorf, who quit last month.

● **LOTHAR MATTHAUS was fined £10,000 and banned for one match after suggesting a rival club had fixed World Cup referee Hellmut Krug in a recent Budesliga match.**

German captain Matthaus was incensed as Bayern Munich were held to a 2-2 draw at Karlsruhe after a controversial sending-off and equaliser two minutes from time.

After the match he stormed at Karlsruhe vice-president Ullrich Heynig: "So you bought the referee?" He then told reporters: "The referee must be getting a hefty bonus from Karlsruhe."

RESULTS

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

MIDWEEK

GERMAN CUP — 3RD ROUND

KOLN 2 DYNAMO DRESDEN 1

BORUSSIA MG 6 MAINZ 05 4

SAARBRUCKEN 4 ST PAULI 1

1860 MUNICH 1 SCHALKE 2 *(After extra time)*

WEEKEND

BAYER LEVERKUSEN 2 (Lehnhoff 59, Voller 79)
SCHALKE 2 (Latal 57, Linke 90). **Att:** 25,800.

BAYERN MUNICH 2 (Zickler 64, Matthaus 82)
STUTTGART 2 (Poschner 16, Kienle 55). **Att:** 63,000.

BOCHUM 0
KAISERSLAUTERN 2 (Sforza 23, Brehme pen 36). **Att:** 22,573.

BORUSSIA MG 2 (Dahlin 66, Kastenmaier 84)
1860 MUNICH 0. **Att:** 29,500.

DUISBURG 0
HAMBURG 5 (Hartmann 18, Albertz 26, Schnoor 55, Sporl 69, 73). **Att:** 19,000.

DYNAMO DRESDEN 0
BOR DORTMUND 1 (Moller 34). **Att:** 19,100.

FREIBURG 4 (Cardoso 44, Todt 76, Spanring 85, U. Spies 89)
KOLN 2 (Zdebel 66, Janssen 79). **Att:** 18,000.

KARLSRUHE 2 (Peschke og 27, Schmitt 76)
BAYER UERDINGEN 1 (Steffen 45). **Att:**22,500.

WERDER BREMEN 2 (Bestchastnykh 25, 75)
EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 0. **Att:** 30,732.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

MIDWEEK

GERMAN CUP — 3RD ROUND

STUTTGARTER KICKERS 0 KARLSRUHE 2

VESTENBERGSGREUTH 1 WOLFSBURG 1
Aet, VfL Wolfsburg won on pens

WEEKEND

SCHALKE 0
KARLSRUHE 0. **Att:** 36,610.

STUTTGART 4 (Buck 35, Kruse 62, Kogl pen 81, Poschner 85)
DRESDEN 2 (Fuchs 43, M. Spies 60). **Att:** 22,000.

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 2 (Yeboah 41, 61)
BOCHUM 1 (Gudjonsson 80). **Att:** 20,000.

HAMBURG 1 (Albertz 12)
BAYER LEVERKUSEN 2 (B. Schuster 48, Dooley 70). **Att:** 34,202.

KAISERSLAUTERN 3 (Kuka 25, 42, Brehme pen 77)
FREIBURG 2 (Cardoso 45, Zeyer 67). **Att:** 38,000.

KOLN 1 (Polster 44)
BORUSSIA MG 3 (Wynhoff 26, Kastenmaier 54, Herrlich 75). **Att:** 52,000.

1860 MUNICH 1 (Dowe 9)
DUISBURG 1 (Nijhuis 30). **Att:** 28,500.

BAYER UERDINGEN 1 (Passlack 89)
BAYERN MUNICH 1 (Matthaus pen 86). **Att:** 34,500.

DORTMUND 2 (Freund 72, Moller 80)
WERDER BREMEN 0. **Att:** 42,800.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

MIDWEEK

GERMAN CUP — 3RD ROUND

KAISERSLAUTERN 7 FORTUNA KOLN 3

BAYERN AMATEURS 2 VfB STUTTGART 2
Aet, Bayern Munich Amateurs won on pens

WEEKEND

BOCHUM 0
BORUSSIA DORTMUND 2 (Riedle 30, Chapuisat 66). **Att:** 37,500.

BORUSSIA MG 4 (Hochstatter 34, Herrlich 51, 74, Neun 58)
KAISERSLAUTERN 0. **Att:** 33,000.

BAYER LEVERKUSEN 0
KARLSRUHE 0. **Att:** 23,000.

BAYERN MUNICH 2 (Papin 62, Jorginho 83)
SCHALKE 0. **Att:** 50,000.

DUISBURG 1 (Kozle 45)
KOLN 3 (Kohn pen 12, Greiner 58, Labbadia 75). **Att:** 19,000.

DYNAMO DRESDEN 1 (Rath 40)
BAYER UERDINGEN 2 (Bittengel 27, Laessig 51). **Att:** 13,500.

FREIBURG 2 (Roth og 57, Cardoso pen 75)
EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 0. **Att:** 18,000.

WERDER BREMEN 4 (Bestchastnykh 29, Basler 45, Eilts 62, Bode 76)
VfB STUTTGART 0. **Att:** 24,423.

HAMBURG 3 (Schnoor 27, Sporl 70, Baron 72)
1860 MUNICH 0. **Att:** 18,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WEEKEND

SCHALKE 4 (Mulder 21, Latal 30, 46, Buskens 53)
DYNAMO DRESDEN 0. **Att:** 23,900.

BORUSSIA DORTMUND 1 (Moller 61)
FREIBURG 1 (Kohl 76). **Att:** 42,800.

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 2 (Yeboah 59, Okocha 81)
BORUSSIA MG 1 (Herrlich 90). **Att:** 40,000.

KAISERSLAUTERN 1 (Sforza 90)
DUISBURG 0. **Att:** 37,000.

KARLSRUHE 2 (Schmitt 50, Carl 90)
BAYERN 2 (Frey 50, Schupp 53). **Att:** 33,700.

KOLN 1 (Hauptmann 12)
HAMBURG 1 (Alberz 86). **Att:** 28,000.

VfB STUTTGART 2 (Dunga 20, Kruse 50)
BOCHUM 2 (Wegmann 44, Frontzeck 88). **Att:** 20,000.

1860 MUNICH 1 (Bodden 72)
BAYER LEVERKUSEN 1 (Kirsten 51). **Att:** 23,000.

BAYER UERDINGEN 1 (Passlack 65)
WERDER BREMEN 3 (Basler 6, 63, Bestchastnykh 15). **Att:** 12,200.

BUNDESLIGA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bor. Dortmund	15	10	4	1	35	14	24
Werder Bremen	15	10	3	2	30	16	23
Borussia Mg	16	8	5	3	33	19	21
Kaiserslautern	16	8	5	3	24	19	21
Freiburg	15	8	3	4	30	21	19
Bayern Munich	15	6	7	2	29	21	19
Karlsruhe	16	6	7	3	25	22	19
Hamburg	15	7	4	4	26	15	18
Leverkusen	15	5	7	3	27	19	17
Stuttgart	15	6	4	5	29	29	16
Ein. Frankfurt	15	5	4	6	16	23	14
Schalke	15	3	7	5	19	19	13
Koln	16	4	5	7	25	33	13
Uerdingen	16	2	6	8	15	24	10
Dyn. Dresden	15	3	3	9	15	28	9
Bochum	16	3	2	11	16	36	8
1860 Munich	15	1	5	9	14	28	7
Duisburg	15	1	3	11	10	32	5

Austria

Pressure on Prohaska

THE 1-0 defeat in Portugal, following the 2-1 setback at home to Northern Ireland, has seriously prejudiced Austria's chances of qualifying for the European Championship.

Their group also contains the Republic of Ireland, and on their own admission the Austrians will need something remarkable if they are to grab one of the two qualifying places.

Team manager Herbert Prohaska is again under pressure from the media, who point out that the only winner in the new debacle is now in Germany: playmaker Andi Herzog, 26, of Bremen.

Herzog, allegedly the "undisputedly best Austrian footballer", is no longer being selected because, according to the manager, "he can't help us."

The row between these two strong personalities continues because Prohaska claims that Herzog "doesn't try hard enough and lacks tactical discipline in national colours."

● HOW TOUGH life can be for the smaller Austrian clubs is illustrated by unfashionable VfB Modling, eight points adrift at the bottom of the table.

The new team manager, Kurt Jara is back after 13 years in Switzerland. Attendances at home matches in this spa resort south of Vienna rarely touch 1,000 and Jara says: "I have had success with teams in a similar perilous situation, but I don't think it will work here."

● FINANCIAL SCANDAL is still affecting leaders FC Tirol. Former treasurer Klaus Mair remains in jail awaiting trial, allegedly having 'transferred' £16million from bank customer accounts and channelled part of it into the club's coffers to buy players.

Now the creditors are demanding the transfer rights to top players such as Stoger, Sane and Cerny.

ARTHUR ROTMIL

Sorely missed . . . Andi Herzog.

Republic of Ireland

Destination England!

JACK CHARLTON will die happy! His dream to taking The Republic of Ireland to the finals of the 1996 European Championship in his native England looks like coming true.

The 4-0 win over Northern Ireland at Windsor Park last month, their best-ever competitive away win, means the 'Boys in Green' are looking good for the Euro '96 finals. With nine points from three games, 11 goals scored and none conceded, Big Jack can now relax.

Charlton knows that if The Republic win their next three games, at home to Northern Ireland and Austria and away to Liechtenstein, they should be sure of their place in the finals by next June.

Ray Houghton was the surprise choice as FAI Senior Player of the Year for 1994. Obviously the jury didn't forget Houghton's memorable goal against Italy in the Giant's Stadium last June. Roy Keane was again voted Young (Under-25) player and Gary Kelly took the Under-21 award.

A new deal for players from the Football League of Ireland has been struck. In future, two players from the domestic League will train with the Irish senior squad prior to internationals.

Meanwhile the League side have had two good wins this season, beating the Konica League of Wales in Porthmadog and IFK Gothenburg in Dublin. League officials are hoping to arrange a game against the Endsleigh League before the end of the season.

Shelbourne, who had three managers last season, were the first Premier Division club to change managers this term. After a summer spending spree failed to improve resuts, Eamonn Gregg was sacked from the hot seat at Tolka Park. Gregg's assistant John Devine, the former Irish international, quit in support. Shels got 26 applications for the job by simply faxing the PFA's of Ireland, England and Scotland.

● THE REPUBLIC's 'B' game against England on December 13 will now be played at Anfield and not Highbury as mentioned last month.

SEAN CREEDON

Young gun . . . Roy Keane.

Switzerland

Join the professionals!

A REMARKABLE development is puzzling experts in Switzerland. Despite less money circulating among the clubs there are now more full-time professionals than ever.

Five years ago, when the national economy was much healthier, Swiss clubs had a mere 149 pros, and only eight of the 12 First Division clubs had more than 11. Now there are 170 full-timers, on average just over 14 per club.

Salaries and bonuses have been drastically cut in recent years, yet there are more young players coming through, probably motivated by the eight stars who are making a lot of money from playing in the big leagues abroad.

Lucerne have the most pros, 21, with Young Boys of Bern lowest on six. Astonishingly, the country's biggest and most successful club, Grasshopper, have only 12 full-timers.

Swiss club football is still ailing and only Sion reached the third round of the UEFA Cup.

After winning 3-1 in Cyprus against Apollon Limassol, the Swiss went down 3-0 at home. Then Marcus Marin scored in the last minute to force extra time, and Orlando hit a second goal to send the fans wild and Sion into the second round, where they covered themselves with glory by putting out former European Cup winners Marseille on away goals.

In the championship, however, Sion are having a tough time in securing a place in the play-off phase. Grasshopper and Lugano were the first teams to qualify for the final eight.

ARTHUR ROTMIL

Holland

All change at the top

NATIONAL COACH Dick Advocaat is to join former champions PSV Eindhoven, with Guus Hiddink taking over as manager of the national side next year.

Hiddink, himself a former PSV coach, has signed a contract with the national soccer federation which will run from January 1 to the European Championships in England in 1996.

Advocaat has signed a two-and-a-half year contract with PSV. He will quit as national coach after the European Championship qualifier against Luxemburg on December 14.

Until then Kees Rijvers will remain as caretaker coach at PSV, who sacked Aad de Mos in October after a run of poor League and cup results. Despite a big close season spending spree, PSV lie fifth in the Dutch first division, well behind the pacemakers.

Ajax and Feyenoord have reached the quarter-finals of the top two European competitions – the European Cup and the Cup-winners Cup – suggesting that Dutch football may be on the way back to the top.

Amazingly, Ajax beat Milan, home and away, by the same score – 2-0. Frank Rijkaard, who played for Milan for five years before he moved back to his home-town of Amsterdam in 1993, played a big part in his old club's defeat.

Despite Ajax's dedication to 'total football' it was generally thought they would leave their back door open long enough to concede a few goals. That they did not was a tribute to manager Louis van Gaal and his young squad.

Feyenoord, after all their internal problems, deserved some success. It will help to pay for the rebuilding of Feyenoord Stadium, which has cost the club a lot of money, but which now holds 52,500.

Manager Van Hanegem has said he wants to finish his career with Feyenoord. He will be happy that Henrik Larsson is playing as well for Feyenoord as he does for Sweden, but he must be wonder how he can prevent his team giving away silly points – like the 5-1 defeat by FC Twente.

ERIC NICHOLLS

BY ANDRE DUCLOS

Ouedec impresses

WHEN WILL our national team start scoring again, we all wondered, after still another goalless draw – and a pretty lucky one – in the European Championship away to Poland.

David Ginola appears to have been made a scapegoat, strongly criticised under the Gerard Houllier regime. Jean-Pierre Papin appears out of love with the national side, and certainly out of love with Bayern Munich.

Antoine Kombouare got himself sent off in Poland with that foolish and quite unnecessary foul on the galloping Kosecki, so perhaps there was some merit in the draw.

The 23-year-old hero of Nantes this season, Nicolas Ouedec, should have had one or two goals in the earlier game, against Romania, but he looks a very good prospect and certainly seems to have his head screwed on the right way.

He is generous in his defence of Ginola, the alleged culprit in Bulgaria's astounding win at Parc des Princes. "Unbelievable as a pretext," says Ouedec. "He loses a ball 80 metres from the French goal, Bulgaria score on the counter attack, and they make him the only culprit.

"There were 11 people on the field. Eleven culprits. Eleven blokes humiliated." Ouedec sturdily refuses to give too much importance to that crucial and crippling defeat, pointing out that a lot of the men who played that day are still in the French squad, and that Papin was not only because he was injured. Though he was fit again by the time the team went to Poland.

"That's the only reason I am playing in his place," said Ouedec, modestly. "When he gets back the selector will have to make a choice. The more so when I don't play in the same manner as he does. I make no pretence of making people forget Papin, and what he has done for the Blues, during his career."

Ouedec made his debut for Nantes at 18, is strongly attached to the club, and feels that French football has gained much, this season, from their vibrant play. "Many people don't like to meet us. They are afraid of us, afraid of the way we come at them from all sides." He speaks warmly of the 'hands off' policy embraced by Nantes and their long serving manager, Jean-Claude Suaudeau. There is no pressure to remain in the group, he says. If an 18-year-old wants to go out and get a flat, then he can do so.

Ouedec is already happily married, with a child of 18 months. Is he turning into a star? He hopes to be one in time, but insists he is a long way from being Cantona, whom he much respects, or Papin.

He feels closer to Le Guen thank to his former colleague Desailly, now with Milan. "Nothing frightens Marcel, nothing shocks him. That's how I have always known him. I don't know his 'interior', but I've the impression that he may just be a little superficial!"

Ouedec was born in Britanny, at Lorient, and comes from a family "that works the land." Most of his best friends in football, he says, are Bretons.

"All those lads, those Bretons, Joss, Le Guen, Le Dizet and Camot of Guingamp, are sound in the head, I believe." And pretty effective on the field.

Guincamp are giving Marseille a hot, hard run for their money at the top of Division II. They have excellent full-backs in Laspalles and Combes, and a dashing attacker in the 24-year-old and somewhat curiously named Stephan Guivarc'h.

Guivarc'h was somewhat restless before the start of the season, hoping for a transfer. But with his dashes down the right, his powerful shooting, his headed goals, he could well step up into the First Division with Guincamp, whatever Marseille may do.

Switch to the South, to Monaco, and we find Jean-Luc Ettori, not so long ago an international goalkeeper, sitting on the bench as the club's manager, now that Arsene Wenger has gone after a seven-year stint.

He didn't ask for the job, he insists. "I'm not deaf. I know how people talk about Arsene's departure. They say I intrigued to take his place. If I haven't heard it 20, 30, 100 times, I haven't heard it at all. Ettori who makes Wenger leave. That really makes me fed up."

Nantes hot shot . . . Nicholas Ouedec.

Bourrier ousted

● **MARSEILLE SACKED coach Marc Bourrier after their humiliating first round League Cup exit at the hands of Niort.**

The League Cup, introduced this season, was Marseille's only remaining chance of qualifying for European cup competition next season.

Bourrier was told he will be moved to a non-coaching position within the club. His has been replaced by Gerard Gili, who trained Marseille from august 1988 to September 1990. He was fired by bottom-placed Montpelier just nine days before he returned to Marseille.

● BASTIA have been banned from playing at the infamous Furiani stadium for at least one match following crowd violence at their game against Monaco. The League's disciplinary committee ruled that Bastia would not be able to play there for their next two home games, but said the sanction culd be reduced oe match if the next game there was trouble-free.

● OUMAH BEN SALAH, a member of Ivory Coast's national squad, has been sentenced, on appeal, to nine years in prison for nearly beating his six-year-old son to death. The Le Mans player, was arrested after his son was hospitalised with severe injuries.

RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nantes	19	11	8	0	36	16	41
Paris SG	19	10	5	4	29	16	35
Lyon	19	9	6	4	29	20	33
Cannes	19	9	4	6	27	17	31
Auxerre	19	7	9	3	33	18	30
Strasbourg	19	9	3	7	26	21	30
Bordeaux	19	8	6	5	28	25	30
Lens	19	7	8	4	25	18	29
Martigues	19	7	6	6	25	27	27
Rennes	19	6	6	7	23	30	24
St Etienne	19	6	5	8	23	22	23
Monaco	19	5	8	6	17	16	23
Metz	19	6	5	8	21	27	23
Bastia	19	5	6	8	21	28	21
Le Havre	19	3	11	5	19	23	20
Lille	19	5	5	9	13	23	20
Caen	19	5	3	11	19	27	18
Nice	19	4	6	9	17	26	18
Sochaux	19	5	3	11	21	38	18
Montpellier	19	2	9	8	16	28	15

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WEEKEND

AUXERRE 3 (Martins 5, Lamouchi 39, Moureaux 84)
NICE 0 Att: 7,000.

BASTIA 1 (Drobnjak 14)
LENS 3 (Meyrieu 31, Foe 74, Debeve 75). **Att:** 7,000.

CAEN 5 (Simba 6, Andersson 34, 58, 83 pen, Grassi 69)
RENNES 1 (Germain 64). **Att:** 16,424.

CANNES 2 (Charvet 57, Kozniku 63)
LE HAVRE 2 (Caveglia 24, 52 pen). **Att:** 5,000.

LILLE 1 (Assadourian 78)
MARTIGUES 0 Att: 5,616.

LYON 1 (Bardon 75)
BORDEAUX 1 (Valdeir 74). **Att:** 25,516.

METZ 1 (Pires 90)
ST ETIENNE 0. **Att:** 9,687.

MONACO 3 (Di Meco 6, Fjorkaeff 23, Anderson da Silva 78)
SOCHAUX 1 (Prat 28). **Att:** 2,000.

NANTES 3 (Ouedec 24, 30 pen, Makelele 74)
STRASBOURG 0. **Att:** 28,000.

PARIS SG 3 (Le Guen 32, Rai pen 57, Weah 60)
MONTPELLIER 1 (Carotti 64). **Att:** 37,020.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WEEKEND

LE HAVRE 2 (Caveglia 21, pen 75)
LYON 0. **Att:** 8,000.

LENS 0
MONACO 0. **Att:** 32,628.

MARTIGUES 1 (Bouquet 19)
PARIS SG 1 (Mboma 39). **Att:** 15,000.

MONTPELLIER 1 (Carrez og 48)
LILLE 0. **Att:** 8,000.

NANTES 3 (Ouedec 7, Cauet 58, Serredszum og 73)
METZ 1 (Zitelli 55). **Att:** 23,000.

ST ETIENNE 2 (Camara 15, Moravcik 80)
CAEN 0. **Att:** 10,513.

SOCHAUX 1 (Vos 81)
BASTIA 3 (Casanova 26, Drobnjak 73, 90). **Att:** 4,000.

RENNES 3 (Gourvennec pen 9, Grassi pen 60, Andre 71)
NICE 1 (Hantz 21). **Att:** 7,115.

STRASBOURG 1 (Garde 40)
CANNES 2 (Kozniku 72, Vieira 80). **Att:** 19,589.

BORDEAUX 3 (Valdeir 18, Fournier 65, Lizarazu 88)
AUXERRE 1 (Laslandes 38). **Att:** 15,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

WEEKEND

LILLE 1 (Farina 63)
ST ETIENNE 0. **Att:** 7,099.

AUXERRE 1 (Verlaat pen 28)
LE HAVRE 1 (Ba 81). Att: 5,000.

BASTIA 0
STRASBOURG 1 (Pouliquen 65). **Att:** 4,500.

CAEN 4 (Andersson pen 24, 75, 83, Sima 88)
BORDEAUX 2 (Valdeir 23, De Jong og 71). **Att:** 16,440.

LYON 4 (N'Gotty 3, Roche 18, 23 Paille 50)
SOCHAUX 0. **Att:** 12,000.

METZ 3 (Zitelli pen 23, Walemme og 39, Zitelli 66)
LENS 1 (Walemme 59). **Att:** 8,936.

PARIS SG 2 (Rai 24, 63)
RENNES 1(Gourvennec 15). **Att:** 33,402.

CANNES 3 (Kozniku 26, Horlaville 38, Durix 84)
MONTPELLIER 0. **Att:** 6,000.

MONACO 2 (Ikpeba 75, 79)
NANTES 2 (Loko 44, Ouedec 74). **Att:** 4,500.

NICE 1 Chaouch 65)
MARTIGUES 1 (Tholot 55). **Att:** 2,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WEEKEND

STRASBOURG 1 (Billong og 17)
LYON 0. **Att:** 15,407.

BORDEAUX 1 (Fournir 5)
LILLE 0. **Att:** 13,000.

LE HAVRE 1 (Dubosq og 22)
CAEN 1 (Fichaux og 19). **Att:** 15,000.

LENS 1 (Foe 8)
AUXERRE 1 (Saib 39). **Att:** 27,000.

MARTIGUES 1 (Rabat 82)

RENNES 0. **Att:** 3,500.

MONTPELLIER 0
NICE 0. **Att:** 8,000.

MONACO 0
CANNES 0. **Att:** 12,000.

NANTES 0
BASTIA 0. **Att:** 18,000.

ST ETIENNE 1 (Moreau 36)
PARIS SG 3(Le Guen 39, Roche 44, Sechet 90). **Att:** 26,177.

SOCHAUX 4 (Prat 12, 25, 50, Vos pen 46)
METZ 2 (Pouget 62, 68). **Att:** 4,000.

Sweden

A family affair

JOACHIM BJORKLUND, Sweden's dynamic and versatile defender, is carrying the flag for a Swedish footballing dynasty.

'Jocke' Bjorklund's boss in the national team is his uncle, Tommy Svensson. His grandfather, Tommy's father Stig, is one of the legendary club leaders in Sweden, who transformed Osters IF from a small-time outfit into a major force.

Osters won the championship in 1980 and 1981, and the man who ran their midfield then was Karl-Gunnar 'Kalle' Bjorklund, Joachim's father. He was capped 16 times, but unlike his son never had a chance to parade his skills in the World Cup finals.

Joachim, born and bred in Vaxjo, and coming from a family whose name is synonymous with Osters, was adopted by the club at an early age. He always wanted to be a defender, admiring Andreas Ravelli, the Swedish international stopper and twin brother of World Cup goalkeeper Thomas.

Eventually Joachim became part of the rejuvenation operation conducted by Kalle Bjorklund and Bosse Johansson, and made his debut in the 'Allsvenskan' in 1988, aged 17. He played only six League matches for Osters. In 1990 Kalle Bjorklund was contacted by Oster's former forward Teitur Thordarsson, who wanted him to go and look after the youth policy at Brann, in Bergen. The offer was duly accepted, and Bjorklund junior soon followed his father to Norway.

The move raised a few eyebrows, for in the past Norway interested only veterans or players from Sweden's lower divisions. But Joachim made a success of it and, as his reputation spread, he was capped by Sweden, now under his uncle Tommy.

During the European Championship finals of 1992 Bjorklund was forced to fill in at left-back, although he is right-footed. In contrast, his father was renowned for his left-footed bombshells.

After playing against Europe's finest with coolness far beyond his limited experience, Bjorklund became a sought-after player at home. He chose IFK Gothenburg – a trial stay at Leeds had drawn a blank – and has established himself as perhaps the best all-round defender in Sweden, performing with tremendous consistency for their third-placed team in last summer's World Cup and helping Gothenburg to memorable success in the Champions League.

"Jocke's relaxed appearance hides his strong competitive edge," says father Kalle, now coaching IFK's local rivals Orgryte. "He is very good at sticking to an opponent, jockeying and putting on the pressure before a well-timed tackle.

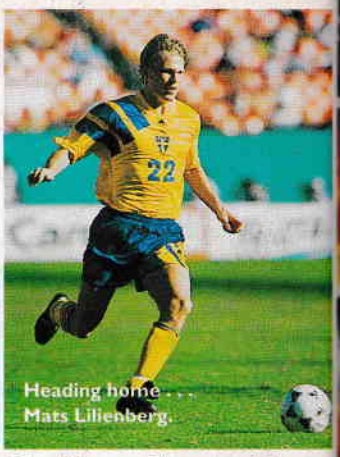
"Perhaps he should have more courage to push forward with the ball, but that will come with age and more experience."

Joachim says: "As a kid I admired Italy's World Cup defender Claudio Gentile for his single-minded determination in close marking.

"My style is to hang back. I like to bide my time before making a challenge. I play a bit like a sweeper, although Sweden operate with a straight back four."

PENTTI HIETANEN

Swede sensation . . . Joachim Bjorklund.


Heading home . . . Mats Lilienberg.

Gothenburg line up Lilienberg

CHAMPIONS IFK Gothenburg, are preparing for the European Cup quarter-finals by signing international forward Mats Lilienberg from 1860 Munich for an estimated fee of £500,000.

"We intend to buy Swedish," says coach Gustafsson. "We can't afford the salaries of top foreign stars, so we must go after the best home talent available."

Orebro, surprise runners-up under coach Sven Dahlkvist, could lose their free-scoring Pole, Miroslaw Kubisztal, who wants to return home.

Kent Karlsson is returning to coach IFK Norrkoping, having taken them to the championship in 1989.

● TOMAS BROLIN is expected to be out of action for the rest of the season after breaking his ankle during Sweden's 2-0 European Championship victory over Hungary.

Finland

Bo takes over

MUCH-TRAVELLED Swede Bo Johansson is the new coach of HJK Helsinki.

Johansson, now 52, guided Osters to two Swedish championships (1980 and 1981), was the national coach of Iceland for two years, and won the Danish championship with Silkeborg in 1993-94.

"I don't know much about Finnish football, but this is an interesting challenge," Johansson says. "I will demand the same kind of fighting spirit from HJK that Finnish ice-hockey players have shown in recent years."

● THE NATIONAL TEAM recorded their biggest win in 61 years with a 7-0 thrashing of Estonia. Skipper Ari Hjelm scored twice and is now level with Verner Eklof as the national team's all-time top scorer, both having netted 17 goals.

PENTTI HIETANEN

Norway

Olsen's army marches on

NORWAY travelled to wintery Minsk to meet Byelorussia in their third Euro '96 qualifier and pulled off what many believe to be the best ever result by a Norway side in Eastern Europe.

Egil Olsen's team came to grips with the slippery surface early on, and took the lead through Henning Berg's powerful header. A few minutes later Oyvind Leonhardsen scored from the rebound of Jan Aäge Fjortoft's volley. Further goals from Lars Bohinen and Kjetil Rekdal made the result look very convincing.

● THE TOP CLUBS seem to have finished their recruitment of new players for their 1995 squads. Rosenborg have added Tom Staurvik from Bodo Glimt and Jan Halvor Halvorsen from Sogndal and Lillestrom have signed Geir Frigard from Kongsvinger. Newcomers Stabekk have signed Khell Roar Kaasa from Rosenborg and Tommy Svindahl Larsen from Start. Brann completed the purchase of Frank Strandli from Leeds after taking him on loan this season.

SIGURD ODEGAARD

Good start for Leonhardsen

OYVIND LEONHARDSEN has exchanged the clean air of Trondheim for life in South London, but he is not complaining.

Midfielder Leonhardsen, formerly of Molde and then Rosenborg, has joined Wimbledon on loan until the end of the season, and says: "I had my doubts about the move at first, but things are fine now.

"The players are very friendly to me, and they show great spirit on the field."

Leonhardsen cost a Norwegian domestic record fee, £90,000, when he left Molde for Rosenborg in 1992. He is best remembered in England for the goal that helped Norway to a 2-0 win in Oslo in 1993, wrecking hopes of Graham Taylor and his squad going to the World Cup in the USA.

Norway went instead, but won few friends and left with few happy memories.

Now, however, 24-year-old Leonhardsen has at least one abiding recollection of his time in London – a dramatic last-minute winning goal on his senior debut for his new club.

That did more than give Wimbledon a 4-3 victory over Aston Villa. It proved to be the event which cost Villa manager Ron Atkinson his job.

A draw, which would have doubled Villa's total of points from their previous nine League games, might just have sufficed to keep Atkinson in business. Defeat led chairman Doug Ellis to swing his axe.

"I was sorry to hear about Mr Atkinson's dismissal," says Leonhardsen. "But I cannot let it affect me.

"I hope to do well with Wimbledon. Next season? Let us wait and see."

OLA PREVIDD

Norwegian Don. . . Oyvind Leonhardsen.

Portugal

Taxman the axeman

THE DEBTS OWED to the State from all Portuguese football clubs are so enormous that nobody knows how they will be ever paid.

Now the Government says that everybody in Portugal will have to play, or make arrangements to do so – or else. The clubs say that there are about 70,000 companies in the same situation. What about them? Are the clubs to become the victims of a situation which is typical of Portuguese democracy?

Chairmen, directors, captains of industry and other businessmen can put a lot of pressure on the Government. It is even being suggested that they may be able to engineer the fall of Dr Cavaco Silva's government.

On a happier note, the national team secured a deserved victory against Austria and seem likely to qualify for the European Championships in 1996.

Benfica, fourth in the League table, brilliantly qualified for the next stage of the Champions League.

Meanwhile at Porto, manager Bobby Robson has lost a number of players but has rebuilt a team from virtually nothing. His team reached the last eight in the European Cup-winners Cup with a 6-2 aggregate win over Ferencvaros of Hungary.

Trouble is brewing at Sporting Lisbon. They have probably the best Portuguese manager in the league, Carlos Querioz, and had assembled a real team of young players who, along with some others of recognised experience, were chasing hard for the title. But the chairman Cintra is selling players and seems to be preparing his way out of the club. By Christmas, Sporting may be out of contention.

● PORTO'S Ukrainian striker Sergei Yuran escaped unscathed from a pre-dawn car crash last month in which another motorist was killed.

Yuran is the third player from the former Soviet Union to be involved in a serious car crash in Portugal in the past 12 months. The career of Sporting's Sergei Cherbakov was ended by a smash in Lisbon last December and Porto's Vasily Kulkov, then of Benfica, escaped unhurt from a crash in Lisbon in January. Porto and Portuguese midfielder Rui Filipe died from injuries sustained in a car crash in August, aged 26.

ALBERTO DA SILVA

Fatal car smash . . . Sergei Yuran.

Israel

Changes for the better

SOCCER FANS were promised the dawning of a new era when Israel's season got under way.

The most significant change from 1993-94 was that private ownership of the big clubs would make for more attractive soccer, with the tycoons taking over from the political commissars who were slowly being forced to release the purse strings.

The process is continuing, with more clubs being auctioned off to private investors.

The national team, making their first appearance in the European Championship, got off to a good start, with a 2-1 home win over Poland, followed by an uncharacteristic gritty performance against Slovakia which ended 2-2 and a 2-0 win against Azerbeijan.

There were few new faces in the side but coach Shlomo Scharf's plans finally began to fall into place as the players atoned for poor performances in the World Cup qualifiers. The win over Poland was Israel's first at home for more than five years.

The National League, newly enlarged from 14 to 16 teams, finally took on a semblance of normality when Maccabi Tel Aviv went to the top, ahead of Bnei Yehuda, Hapoel Tel Aviv and Hapoel Beersheba. Hapoel Tel Aviv, one of the major clubs put on the market, upped their price for a convincing 4-2 derby win over Maccabi Tel Aviv. This was Hapoel's first success in a Tel Aviv derby in five seasons.

Flying start . . . Israel are unbeaten in Euro '96 qualifiers.

Champions Maccabi Haifa failed to reproduce the overpowering form which had kept them ahead of the rest of the field for almost the whole of the previous season. They lost their 45-League match unbeaten record, going down 3-2 to Hapoel Beersheba.

Haifa lost their cutting edge when last season's heroes, leading scorer Alon Mizrahi and skilful midfielder Reuven Attar, left for Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Haifa respectively.

Mizrahi has had a miserable time in Tel Aviv, and was put up for sale, at his own request, after a row with coach Avraham Grant.

Haifa were soon knocked out of the European Champions League preliminary round by Casino Salzburg.

Hapoel Haifa, who were completely remoulded in the close season by millionaire businessman Rubie Shapira, have failed to take off. They avoided relegation in a play-off at the end of the previous season and Shapira then bought the club and spent a reported $5million, bringing in some of the hottest names on the local scene, but so far he has had little reward.

ORI LEWIS

Turkey

TRABZONSPOR are making the news on both the domestic and European fronts.

They are pushing hard for the championship, and face Lazio in the UEFA Cup after an impressive win over Aston Villa in the second round.

Much of the credit must go to manager Senol Gunes, a 42-year-old former international goalkeeper, who played for Trabzon before turning to coaching, but also to striker Orhan Kaynak, who has scored in four successive UEFA ties.

Besiktas, knocked out of Europe by Auxerre, lead the domestic table by a point from Gala and by four from Trabzon, all three having won their last three matches.

At the other end, Antalya, Adana and Petrolofisi – all promoted last season – occupy the last three places.

HASSAN CEMALI

Malta

A SPLENDID solo effort from skipper Michael Spiteri in the 60th minute against Valletta marked the return of Brian Talbot's Hibernians to the top of the table.

A week earlier, Hibs had overpowered Pieta Hotspurs 3-0, with goals from Carabott, Lawrence and new boy Stivala.

The will-to-win attitude installed by Talbot last season is evident again as the Paolites prepare to take the title for the second year running. Lawrence and Docherty, the British duo, again seem to be the main reason behind the challenge for the title.

DOMENICO AQUILANA

Greece

PANATHINAIKOS won their ninth straight match to lead the First Division, and the national team won their third in a row in the European Championship qualifiers.

Kryzstof Warzycha scored his 11th goal for Panathinaikos in the 3-0 win over Ethnikos as Panathinaikos opened up a seven-point lead over OFI Crete.

The Salonica derby between third-place Paok and Aris was called off just before the scheduled start, after fighting broken out between fans.

Olympiakos, 13 points behind the leaders, tried US World Cup defender Marcelo Balboa in a 4-1 friendly defeat of Red Star in Belgrade, but decided not to keep him. The Greeks were the first European team to play in Yugoslavia since April 1991, the start of the UN boycott.

The national team had a tougher than expected 2-0 win over San Marino. The goals came from youngsters Nikos Mahlas and Costas Frantzeskos before 15,000 spectators at the Athens Olympia Stadium.

LOU ECONOMOPOULOS

Liechtenstein

VADUZ have suffered some poor results in recent weeks and now look unlikely to make the promotion play-offs.

At the half way stage they had only 13 points from 13 games and were sixth, six points behind leaders Chiasso and Ascona.

Balzers suffered a shattering blow to their own promotion hopes in the II Liga, when they went down 1-0 at home to Alstatten, already doomed to relegation.

To complete a miserable period for local supporters, the national side went down 1-0 to Latvia in the European Championship.

GRAEME CRAWFORD

Latvia

Skonto skate in again

SKONTO RIGA won the Latvian championship for the fourth time in a row, reaching an unassailable position with three weeks of the season still to run.

They dropped only two points, from draws, in 20 matches, scoring 64 goals and conceding a mere eight. Their firepower was widely spread, too, with 12 goals, from Vlaidimr Babichev, the highest individual total.

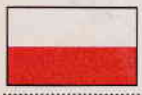
Skonto also took some credit from their UEFA Cup clash with Napoli, holding them to a 3-0 aggregate.

RAF Yelgava were eight points behind, and had the top scorer in Modris Zuyev, with 13. DAG Riga were a further two points behind.

One of Latvia's oldest clubs, FK Liepaya, were relegated with Khimikis Daugavpils, while Kvadrats Riga and Starts Brotseni came up to replace them.

The European Championship qualifying campaign got off to a bad start with defeats by the Republic of Ireland and Portugal. Yevgeny Milevsky, who retired from the national team in 1987 and now lives in Austria, was recalled for both games, playing half of each and scoring once.

VALERY KARPOUSHKIN



Poland

Deynza best – official!

THE 75TH anniversary of the Polish FA was celebrated in Warsaw with UEFA president Lennart Johansson and general secretary Gerhard Aigner as guests of honour.

In a special poll, Kazimierz Deynza was voted the best Polish player of that period, followed by Grzegorz Lato and Zbigniew Boniek.

The celebration would have been much more cheerful if Poland had beaten France in their Euro '96 qualifying match in Zabrze. Before the game coach Henryk Apostel said that he would retire if Poland lost.

They drew 0-0, giving their best display in a long time, according to Apostel, who is no longer thinking of retiring.

Widzew Lodz lead the table after the first half of the season, one point ahead of Legia Warsaw after the clubs had drawn 1-1 in Lodz in the last game of the autumn round.

Legia have been unbeaten in 44 successive home games since June 1992, equalling the record set by Widzew.

Widzew have gained a new player, Grzegorz Mielcarski, in odd circumstances. The owner of Olimpia Poznan, Boleslaw Krzyzostaniak, had takenout a large bank loan using Mielcarski as a guarantee. Later he had no money to pay back the credit. The Widzew chairman, Slawomir Pawelec, proposed a deal: paying Krzyzostaniak's debts in return for the player.

The most astonished person in the whole affair, Mielcarski, said: "I didn't know that somebody could use a player to get some credit. But I am glad to have changed clubs, because Widzew is much stronger than Olimpia."

DARIUSZ KUROWSKI

Ukraine

Sergey sets a record

UKRAINE gained their first win in the Euro '96 qualifying campaign by beating Estonia 3-0 in the Republican Stadium, Kiev.

The game was played in sub-zero temperatures and watched by only 2,000 supporters.

Millions of fans had waited to witness the first goal by the national side. Eventually, in the third group match, Sergey Konovalov from Dnipro scored the goal which entered the record books.

Estonian defender Kirs put the ball into his own net and Gusseinov added the third, but overall the performance was rated in the country as disastrous.

Problems began two years ago, when Victor Bannikov, president of Ukraine Football Federation, could not make up his mind over the candidate for the most prestigious job in the country, national coach.

This attitude led to a situation where several club coaches replaced each other for a time, invited mostly players from the teams they had coached.

Eventually the Dynamo Kiev manager, Jozef Szabo, agreed to manage the team for the home matches against Slovenia and Estonia.

Four points from those two games give him a good chance to continue his work next year, but Szabo is unlikely to find the time to combine his club job with that of national team manager.

OLEG ZADERNOVSKY

Russia

Moscow teams in charge

MOSCOW teams completed a sweep of the top three places in the Russian premier division.

Lokomotiv Moscow held champions Spartak Moscow to a 1-1 home draw on the last day of term to grab a crucial point which secured third place.

Dynamo Moscow, already assured the runners-up spot, drew 1-1 at Tekstilshchik Kamyshin. Rotor Volgograd, second behind Spartak last season, hammered KamAZ Naberezhnye Chelny 4-0 at home to finish fourth.

The two other Moscow sides in the 16-team division, CSKA and Torpedo, both won to retain their places in the top division.

Moscow Spartak – Champions League contenders – had long since made sure of retaining the title for a third successive year. In fact, Spartak are the only club to have won the Russian title since its creation following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Dynamo Stavropol and Lada Togliatti were relegated. They will be replaced by two teams from southern Russia, Chernomorets Novorossiisk and Rostselmash Rostov.

Bulgaria

Eight-goal shock for Lok

DIMITAR PENEV's men go in to their third Euro '96 qualifying match in Cardiff with full points following a 4-1 victory over the Moldovians before 50,000 spectators.

The 'American Heroes' only got in to their stride in the second half, but the victory should give them enough confidence to be able to clinch one of the top two places, if only as runners-up to Germany.

Luboslav Penev made an 80-minute return against Moldova before being substituted by Sirakov, but by then the game was won.

On the domestic front, and with no European club football on the fixture list until next summer, interest centres on the battle at the top.

After a third of the season Levski and Lok had identical records, but the defending champions had scored twice as many goals. Eight of these, remarkably, came in the home match with Lok, who had let in only six up to then! Levski's Sirakov and Stoilov have 12 goals each at the top of the scoring charts, followed by Chalamanov (Slavia) and Mihtarski (CSKA) on 11.

CSKA recovered somewhat from a shocking start to stand in fifth place, but still with a negative goal difference.

At the bottom, Lovetch Lex and Beroe are not quite doomed, but with goals so hard to come by they will find it hard to reach safety.

BOB VAUGHAN

Back on national duty . . . Luboslav Penev

Albania

So close to a surprise

THIRTEEN foreign-based players made up the Albanian team who almost held Germany to a draw in a Euro '96 qualifier in Tirana.

The lack of home talent must be a worry to coach Neptun Bajko, but the players cannot be blamed for going abroad, and they seem keen enough to return to play for their homeland.

A sell-out crowd of 23,000 saw an encouraging performance against the Germans. Jurgen Klinsmann's fine opening header was wiped out by Hysen Zmijani, with a curling free-kick that beat a badly-placed wall.

Ulf Kirsten restored the German lead in the first minute of the second half, but they had to work hard to hold on to it.

The Albanians fought right to the finish, and in the closing seconds Ledio Pano hit a post. An inch or so to the right side and the players would have picked up a $2,000 draw bonus. Victory was worth $10,000.

Seven of the home team play their club football in Greece, and two in Cyprus. Scotland, Saudi Arabia, Romania and Germany – Altin Raklli of Freiburg – were the other countries represented.

GEZIM NUSHI

Czech Republic

Uhrin's stars vanish

THESE ARE difficult times for the Czech national team coach, Dusan Uhrin.

Not only were two important points left behind in Malta but perhaps even three instead of one should have been brought back from Holland.

Clearly all was better at the back in Rotterdam, where before the game nobody would have bet on the 'new' Netherlands not scoring. But where was the Czech firepower? The answer was in Genoa and Toulouse. Skuhravy and Nemecek, regular squad members, did not turn up to travel.

Disappearing act . . . Tomas Skuhravy.

The CMFA twice faxed Skuhravy, but he claimed not have heard anything about being selected. Was there a plot to save him the rigours of a week away on international duty? The faxes apparently arrived, but were in a locked office, which seems strange.

Captain Nemecek's absence was especially odd, but perhaps the CMFA needs to stump up the resources to allow Uhrin to get out and about more often.

Key players of Skuhravy's and Nemecek's calibre do not grow on trees, but with them and a stabilised defence there is still much to play for. Good home performances could give the team a good chance of qualifying now that only one potentially difficult away match – in Norway – remains.

Back in Prague, Slavia have opened a lead of seven points over Viktoria Zizkov, Boby Brno and Slovan Liberec.

Zizkov have slumped since their Cup-winners Cup exit at the hands of Chelsea, and Brno forced a goalless draw in Prague.

Dukla meanwhile compete in Division Three, which is technically amateur football; they may even be selling the Juliska ground to Viktoria. The latter's ancient stadium, a tram stop from Prague's main station, will never pass muster for European football.

Sparta are in seventh place, with a gap of 12 points to make up in the second half of the season. That looks a tall order for new coach Jurgen Sundermann, ex-Hertha Berlin, and player-turned-manager Jozef Chovanec.

BOB VAUGHAN

Romania

Prodan the decider

THE WEMBLEY draw was followed by the visit of the Slovaks to Bucharest for a crucial home tie in the European Championship.

Only one goal from the games in England and France had had 'General' Iordanescu questioning his troops' shooting power, but they took what should have been a commanding two-goal lead through Popescu and Hagi. Then, to the surprise of a poor 15,000 gate, the Slovaks turned things round with goals by Dubovsky and Chvila.

Within 90 seconds of the equaliser Prodan restored Romania's advantage, but the way the tie went bodes ill for the return.

Even so, a good result in Tel Aviv would put Iordanescu in the driving seat before the Spring resumption at home to Poland and Israel. With Steaua's lamentable home performances meaning elimination from the Champions League, interest reverts to the championship's last week before the break.

FC National continued their unlikely challenge, with a modest defensive record but 31 goals scored, way above second-placed Rapid's total.

Steaua, third and five points behind National, are desperate to qualify again for Europe after the debacle of the autumn campaign.

Dunce of National is clearly no duffer in the box, and leads the League scorers with 11 goals.

BOB VAUGHAN

Crucial strike . . . Daniel Prodan.

Slovakia

Good work goes to waste

SLOVAKIA, unbeaten in their first two competitive matches, all but made it three draws out of three in Bucharest after going two behind to Romania.

An excellent second half against powerful opposition enabled the team to get to grips in midfield with the classy Romanians and pull back to 2-2. Dubovsky's return up front made a big difference, but all the good work was thrown away when Molnar was unable to keep out Prodan for what proved an 80th-minute winner.

There is now a break and a chance to reassess before the Azerbaijanis visit Slovakia in March. The venue for the match, and for the Poland and Romania games, all remain undecided.

Tatran Presov had a remarkably encouraging campaign in Europe, but the high jinks there have been accompanied by poor League performances, which means a penultimate league position, just above Zilina.

Slovan reign supreme as ever, with little danger of being caught.

Spartak Trnava, who narrowly escaped relegation, are the most improved side of the season. Karol Pecze's hoped-for magic seems to be working and he will be aiming for a UEFA Cup place. FC Kosice look to be Spartak's main rivals.

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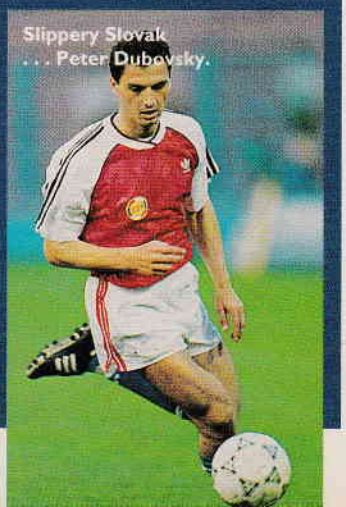

Slippery Slovak . . . Peter Dubovsky.

Hungary

Hell for Kispest

FOUR matches, four defeats, out of Europe and the manager fined Ft200,000 (nearly £1,000) for daring to criticise World Cup final referee Sandor Puhl!

That was the fate to befall Kispest-Honved and Dimitri Davidovics in a black few weeks, the like of which the Serbian has surely not experienced in an eventful career.

After a 3-1 defeat to the leaders, Ujpest, he publicly questioned Puhl's ability as a referee and found himself fined and suspended from the *kispad* for five matches.

Facing a 2-0 first-leg deficit to the Stepanovic-Schuster double-act of Bayer Leverkusen in the second round of the UEFA Cup. Kispest collapsed, losing 5-0, and returned home to suffer home defeats to ETO Gyor (1-2) and Debrecen (0-1).

At the time of the defeat to Ujpest in late October, Kispest were in second position. They trailed 2-0 to two penalties scored by Istvan Kozma and were 3-0 behind by the 56th minute. Puhl cautioned seven players and Kispest, having to use Jozsef Duro as a libero in place of injured Janos Banfi, couldn't handle the consistent, ball-keeping tempo of Jozsef Garami's lilac-and-whites.

Davidovics could not hold himself back this time, saying: "We had to play against 12, what he [Puhl] did had nothing to do with the match."

Ferencvaros, thrashed 6-0 in Oporto in the Cup-winners Cup, at least salvaged some pride with a 2-0 win over Bobby Robson's Porto in the second leg, only to lose 2-0 in Debrecen.

With one round remaining until the mid-winter break, they led Kispest by three points and were three adrift of Ujpest, who had a match in hand.

If Fradi are to mount a concerted challenge in the spring Peter Lipcsei, who has been in fine form, will be essential to their cause. Vac, unable to maintain a title challenge after a few seasons in which they enriched the domestic game, at least look sure of a quarter-final spot in the Hungarian Cup following a 4-0 first-leg win over Keszthely.

Mid-winter will be a time for stark analysis on the national team's chances of qualifying for the European Championship finals. The 2-0 defeat to vibrant, attacking Sweden in Stockholm leaves Kalman Meszoly's team with too much catching up to do, especially with Lipcsei and Florian Urban suspended from the next qualifier.

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BROOKING talkback

BBC Radio and TV commentator TREVOR BROOKING, the former England midfielder, answers your letters . . .

THIS is your chance to join the debates on soccer's big issues. Send you views to Trevor Brooking, the TV analyst and former England and West Ham player, and he will reply to a selection each month.

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ROSSONERI RUMBLED

TREVOR – What on earth is happening to AC Milan? Is this the Rossoneri who annihilated Barcelona and won three scudettos? Losing to Ajax and Inter is understandable, but Cremonese, Palermo and Padova! There's something awfully wrong. People are waving arms in despair but nobody is pointing fingers. What exactly is the problem?
KOME OMU, Benin City, Nigeria

I SUPPOSE their period of domination had to come to an end at some time. The European Cup triumph against Barcelona was a quite stunning victory and after such a perfect 90 minutes of football there was always the danger of complacency creeping in this season. Injuries to key players have not helped, but it still doesn't explain the acute lack of goals which is the core of the problem. The warning signs were there last season, when they retained the Serie A title but scored only 36 goals in 34 matches.

FOREIGN BODIES

TREVOR – British labour laws state that British citizens are free to work anywhere in Britain regardless of whether they are Scots in England, Welsh in Northern Ireland, or whatever, but in UEFA club competitions they count as 'foreigners'. Yet Portuguese and French clubs are able to classify players from former colonies (eg: Brazil for Portugal, Cameroon/Morocco/Ivory Coast/*et al* for France) as home players. Surely the rule must be applied evenly or not at all?
STEVEN GUY, Cambridge

IT IS BECOMING a big problem for English clubs, and their struggles in European competition this season is an obvious outcome of the rule. I feel it is a harsh ruling because it has definitely inflated the transfer market with regard to English players. The £5million paid to Norwich by Blackburn for Chris Sutton was a classic example – the figure would not have been so high if he had been Scottish or Welsh.

TOO MANY MINNOWS

TREVOR – The breakdown of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia and the splitting of Czechoslovakia has led to the emergence of new nations and most of whom will appear in the European Championship. The new teams (perhaps except Russia, Ukraine and Croatia) do not pose any threat to the seeded teams. Do you think that it would have been better to set up an elimination round among the weaker teams so that only some of them could advance into the qualifying groups?
LAU LAP NGAI, Aberdeen, Hong Kong

THIS COULD be the last European Championship where no preliminary round is required. The increasing growth of new nations being recognised must eventually make the numbers almost unworkable, and an early qualifying section seems to be inevitable. You are quite right to highlight how these developments have generally weakened the overall strength of teams taking part, but it does allow more opportunities for players to gain international experience.

CONTRACT KILLERS

TREVOR – Players' contracts seem to just be pieces of paper which guarantee them a high wage and can be ignored if a better offer comes along. Perhaps England should learn from the continent. In Spain, it is illegal to negotiate with a club while you are under contract to another club, while in Italy only loan moves can be arranged during a season.
TREVOR FOX, Co. Waterford, Rep of Ireland

I HAVE a huge amount of sympathy for your grievances, and it is a great shame now, how players are reluctant to stay at clubs for any length of time. Having spent all of my 19 years at West Ham as a player, I am saddened by this dilution of loyalty, but quite frankly the lucrative financial rewards now make loyalty virtually impossible. Any special talent who emerges at a smaller club automatically moves to one of the more fashionable set-ups, although quite often it can be a backward step in their career if they fail to sustain a regular first team place. Certainly greedy players also make a habit of moving clubs every two or three years as another signing-on fee can be negotiated, making the jobs of managers extremely difficult.

DEJAN VIEW

TREVOR – The best player in international football is surely the maestro of Montenegro, Dejan Savicevic. His technically perfect skills had gone virtually unnoticed until the night of the European Cup Final in Athens. In 1991, he was deprived of the European Footballer of the Year award by Papin. Surely his hour has now finally arrived?
DANIEL HASSAN, Cambridge

THIS ARGUMENT is never resolved because each football supporter has their own theory on who is the most talented player around. How do you gauge it? Is it pure ability; natural talent; consistency of performance; or even impact on the big occasion? The exiled Serb Dejan Savicevic is a superbly gifted talent, but it was not that long ago when Milan's coach Fabio Capello was looking to off-load Savicevic. However when he is playing at his best, his unique talent is the equal of anyone.

PAYING THE PENALTY

TREVOR – There is a new culprit roaming free in our midst: the penalty kick! Now that we are done with Maradona, what better target as a scapegoat? However, I support this enfant terrible of the football world as a method of deciding matches. It is a nail-biting finale, the ultimate battle of wits wherein the common denominators are skill, endurance, nerves, tactics and strategy, combined with an electrifying atmosphere of expectation and excitement – the quintessence of football.
ZOLA SOOKIAS, New York, USA

YOU HAVE obviously been following the endless search for an alternative to the penalty shoot-out. All the very valid reasons you list were taken into account when it was originally discussed, and they still stand up well to close scrutiny. It is extremely exciting, with taut nerves and unbearable tension suffered by both players and supporters alike. It spreads the test of skill among half the team, although unfortunately it is eventually one particular player who finds himself exposed in the media spotlight, when he fails to convert the crucial penalty.
Correspondence on the topic of penalty shoot-outs is now closed!

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Q Am I right in thinking that. Ladislav Kubala played for three different countries?
HAROLD DUNNE
Belfast, N. Ireland
A YES – three times for Hungary, six for Czechosolvakia and 19 for Spain. He also played for the Rest of Europe at Wembley in 1953, scoring twice.

Q My friend who lives in Scotland claims that Partick Thistle used eight goalkeepers in one recent season. Is this true?
Knut MIDTHURN
Stavanger, Narway
A YES – in 1987-88. Five of them played one game.

Q How many managers have won the Football League Championship with different clubs?
PETER WALTON
Blackburn, Lancashire
A Only two – Herbert Chapman (Huddersfield/Arsenal) and Brian Clough (Derby/Forest).

Q How can I find out information about football in Luxembourg?
MIKE HALLEY
Bury, Lancashire
A Contact Federation Luxembourgeoise de Football, 50 Rube de Strasbourg, 2560 Luxembourg.

Q I am desperately trying to get in touch with a Belgian goalkeeper called Marc de Clark. Marc has a unique place in Aberdeen history as he is the only keeper to have scored directly from a goal kick!
ROB A. CLARK
Morat, Scotland
A We are trying to trace your man, but if any readers know of his whereabouts, we will happily pass on any information sent to us.

Paolo Maldini. . .

World player of the year

Carlos Alberto. . .

World manager of the year

Milan. . .

World team of the year

PAOLO MALDINI, Carlos Alberto Parreira and the Milan squad all set records by topping the 1994 *WORLD SOCCER* readership awards.

Maldini, Player of the Year, is the first defender to lead the voting in the 13 years the awards have been held by *WORLD SOCCER*.

Parreira, Manager of the Year, is the first South American to win that category.

And Milan, Team of the Year, are the first club to take that award twice.

Maldini beat his international team-mate, Roberto Baggio, to first place by almost four per cent of the total votes cast.

Baggio, who gained more votes in second place than he did when he won the 1993 poll, has the consolation of knowing that an Italian-based player finished in first place for the 12th time in 13 years. In 1991 Jean-Pierre Papin, then of Marseille, was the only man to break that grip.

At 26, Maldini still has plenty of time to improve an already excellent record. He has helped Italy to third place and then to second in two World Cups, in addition to amassing a large haul of medals with his club.

As the son of an international defender, Cesare Maldini – who captained Milan in their 1963 European Cup victory over Benfica, and is now Under-21 national manager – Maldini Junior had an impeccable pedigree.

He has added his own brilliance to that distinction, ever since making his club debut as a 16-year-old. His international debut came when he was 19, and he has gone on to add more than 60 caps, as central defender, sweeper, or – despite being naturally right-footed – at left-back.

Carlos Alberto Parreira was a member of Brazil's coaching staff at the 1970 World Cup, when their winning squad were captained by Carlos Alberto Torres – no relation – and managed by Mario Zagalo.

Parreira coached Kuwait in the 1982 finals and did the same with the United Arab Emirates in 1990 before winning this year with another Brazilian outfit, in his second spell in charge. And Zagalo was on his coaching staff this time around.

Brazil's success in USA '94 earned Parreira enough votes for him to finish first in our poll, ahead of Milan's Fabio Capello and Manchester United's Alex Ferguson, who was Manager of the Year last time.

Now, at 51, Carlos Alberto has taken his tactical know-how to Spain, having joined Valencia in the summer on the expiry of his contract with Brazil.

Milan were Team of the Year in 1989, second in 1990 and 1992, and fourth last time.

Their latest success is further proof, if any were needed, that Silvio Berlusconi's often-controversial methods can succeed at the highest levels of club performance.

Since Berlusconi injected a "mere" £20million into the club in 1986, averting a threat of bankruptcy, trophy has followed trophy. Berlusconi, the media magnate who went on to become Prime Minister of Italy, made the club part of his business empire – not without taints of unfair dealing along the way.

Despite the howls of "Foul!" Milan have gone on drawing huge crowds, paying huge salaries and transfer fees, and becoming more and more dominant.

The success in the latest *WORLD SOCCER* vote was achieved by a team who scored only 36 goals in 34 Serie A games last season, but still finished three points clear at the top, and slaughtered Barcelona 4-0 in the European Cup Final with a display that matched any in the competition's history.

Brazil, second in the Team category, were the first World Cup winners not to win the award in a World Cup year since 1982, when Italy took the global title in Spain but finished second in the *WORLD SOCCER* poll . . . to Brazil.

Manchester United, FA Cup and Premiership winners in England, were third, but there were surprisingly few votes for Arsenal and Internazionale, who won the other two European competitions. Neither club finished in the top 10.

1994 voting

The top 10 in the three categories, with their percentage of the vote, were as follows:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1	**Paolo Maldini (Milan and Italy)**	**27.36**
2	Roberto Baggio (Juventus and Italy)	23.45
3	Romario (Barcelona and Brazil)	14.55
4	Gheorghe Hagi (Barcelona and Romania)	7.41
5	Hristo Stoichkov (Barcelona and Bulgaria)	4.98
6	Franco Baresi (Milan and Italy)	2.69
7	Eric Cantona (Man United and France)	2.42
	Jurgen Klinsmann (Tottenham and Germany)	2.42
9	Tomas Brolin (Parma and Sweden)	2.29
10	Gabriel Batistuta (Fiorentina and Argentina)	1.07

Others: 22.25

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

1	**Carlos Alberto Parreira (Brazil)**	**16.98**
2	Fabio Capello (Milan)	13.34
3	Alex Ferguson (Man United)	12.12
4	Arrigo Sacchi (Italy)	11.45
5	Kevin Keegan (Newcastle)	11.32
6	Anghel Iordanescu (Romania)	5.79
7	Dimitar Penev (Bulgaria)	4.71
8	Jack Charlton (Rep. Ireland)	4.58
9	Tommy Svensson (Sweden)	3.77
10	Johan Cruyff (Barcelona)	2.83

Others: 13.10

TEAM OF THE YEAR

1	**Milan**	**33.15**
2	Brazil	19.94
3	Man United	8.35
4	Italy	6.33
5	Juventus	5.79
6	Bulgaria	4.56
7	Romania	3.90
8	Barcelona	1.88
9	Parma	1.75
10	Newcastle	1.61

Others: 12.72

Previous winners

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1982	Paolo Rossi	(Juventus and Italy)
1983	Zico	(Udinese and Brazil)
1984	Michel Platini	(Juventus and France)
1985	Michel Platini	(Juventus and France)
1986	Diego Maradona	(Napoli and Argentina)
1987	Ruud Gullit	(Milan and Holland)
1988	Marco Van Basten	(Milan and Holland)
1989	Ruud Gullit	(Milan and Holland)
1990	Lothar Matthaus	(Internazionale and Germany)
1991	Jean-Pierre Papin	(Marseille and France,)
1992	Marco Van Basten	(Milan and Holland)
1993	Roberto Baggio	(Juventus and Italy)

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

1982	Enzo Bearzot	(Italy)
1983	Sepp Piontek	(Denmark)
1984	Michel Hidalgo	(France)
1985	Terry Venables	(Barcelona)
1986	Guy Thys	(Belgium)
1987	Johan Cruyff	(Ajax)
1988	Rinus Michels	(Holland and Bayer Leverkusen)
1989	Arrigo Sacchi	(Milan)
1990	Franz Beckenbauer	(West Germany)
1991	Michel Platini	(France)
1992	Richard Moller Nielsen	(Denmark)
1993	Alex Ferguson	(Manchester United)

TEAM OF THE YEAR

1982	Brazil
1983	Hamburg
1984	France
1985	Everton
1986	Argentina
1987	Porto
1988	Holland
1989	Milan
1990	West Germany
1991	France
1992	Denmark
1993	Parma

Winning ways . . . Brian Laudrup is firing Rangers to further success.

didn't come off it would be very difficult for my career. It has been my most important step – but it has been right.

"It has worked out well because I not only have a normal life but belong to an ambitious club.

"It's a very physical game in Scotland but that's also true in Germany or Italy. The fans have taken to me because my style is something different to what they see in their own players.

"When I came the headlines were all about the large fee. I think I have shown that I'm worth it.

"The fans have been very good to me. Even when we lost to AEK Athens in the European Cup and then Celtic in the League, they only ever told me to keep my spirits up.

"It's easy to be a Milan fan, but the Rangers fans have shown they know what it takes to be a good supporter when things are not perfect."

Laudrup has hinted that he would love to end his career at Ibrox – his current deal runs out in 1997 and says: "I would love to see out my three years here. I've never completed a contract anywhere, because I've always been transferred after one or two years.

"This is the best move I've ever made, and although you can never predict what will happen in football. I would be happy to look at a new contract."

'This is the best move I've ever made'

Free Ranger . . . Laudrup has terrorised Scottish defences in his free role.

Scotland

Rich reward for Raith

RAITH ROVERS will represent Scotland in next season's UEFA Cup thanks to their Coca-Cola Cup Final victory over Celtic.

The outsiders from the comparative backwater of Kirkcaldy, managed by former Man United defender Jimmy Nicholl, delighted their followers with a 6-5 penalty shoot-out victory after extra time had ended 2-2.

Nicholl, bitterly disappointed when he failed to land the Northern Ireland manager's job earlier this year, is delighted that his work at Raith is now paying dividends.

"I've been here four years now, and in that time the club has been turned round from a part-time, mid-season outfit into an ambitious full-time operation," he says.

Raith face a reduced capacity of 7,539 at Starkes Park for the home legs of UEFA Cup ties. UEFA regulations limit crowds in European games to half the overall capacity plus the seated capacity.

After the 1-1 draw at home to Russia, Scottish coach Craig Brown must have felt like banging his head against the nearest wall.

Brown was quoted in last month's *WORLD SOCCER*, bemoaning the lack of enthusiasm shown by the Scottish public towards the national team despite positive results against Finland and the Faroe Islands.

Just over 20,000 people turned up at the new-look Hampden Park for Scotland's most important fixture in years. Those who did saw a gritty, battling performance as the Scots, playing to their strengths, secured a creditable draw against a vastly superior and immensely gifted Russian side.

In terms of technique the Russians are among the finest international outfits in the world.

But with Tommy Boyd negating the threat of Andrei Kanchelskis and Stuart McCall unsettling the Russians with his midfield tenacity, it was an excellent display from the Scots.

According to Brown, however, it was not good enough for the media who, he inferred, were more concerned with highlighting the negative aspects of the Scottish game.

At one time, Scotland's football scribes were afforded the somewhat disparaging description of "fans with typewriters" in recognition of the enthusiastic manner in which they reported from the press boxes of international football.

The new wave of realistic objectivity from such quarters appears now to be tantamount to treason in Brown's eyes.

"We were thrashed one-all," said one cynical newsman, while radio and TV commentators gave the impression that we should all be suitably embarrassed at having the audacity to take a point from the Russian masters.

The Scottish press have clearly made the metamorphosis from "fans with typewriters" to "cynics with laptops" and it is a change which Brown finds totally unpalatable as he tries to restore the national side's damaged credibility.

Raith healers . . . Rovers celebrate.

The fixture against Greece in Athens on December 18 may well prove to be a watershed in terms of fulfilling that ambition.

Having grown accustomed to the Premier Division title being something of a one-club race in recent seasons, neutrals have been pleased to watch a number of sides offer challenges.

Rangers continue to look championship favourites but they have been pressed hard so far by Motherwell and Hibernian.

Motherwell, under new manager Alex McLeish, put together a lengthy unbeaten run. So did Hibs, who illustrated their ambition by luring Celtic midfielder Pat McGinlay to Easter Road for a fee of £420,000.

McGinlay has teamed up with Northern Ireland international Michael O'Neill, and is helping to instil belief among fans that a genuine title challenge is coming up.

ALAN FAIRLEY

SECOND DIVISION side Morton have splashed out on two of Finland's brightest stars.

Morton, who play in front of average crowds of 1,500, broke their transfer record to buy Janne Lindberg, 28, and Marko Rajamaki, 26, for £250,000 from MyPa, the club which groomed Jari Litmanen for stardom and then sold him to Ajax. As Finland will be joining the European Union Morton will have no problems obtaining work permits for their two new arrivals.

It is the first time the club has signed current internationals, but that did not deter the Finns, who have around 50 caps between them. "We know we have experience and ability to help Morton win the league but we both want to learn from the coaching in Scotland and about the speed and strength which is typical in this country," said Rajamaki.

GRAHAM HUNTER

Places change!

NOVEMBER will be remembered for the start of the National Lottery, the unusually warm weather, and the amazing turnover of FA Premiership managers.

Lottery fever seemed to grip the nation's football chairmen, with more than a dozen hirings and firings during one barmy month.

Tottenham's Ossie Ardiles was the first to go, sacked on the first day of the month after defeat in the Coca-Cola Cup at Notts County.

A week later, Mike Walker was fired by Everton after only 10 months in the job, and on the day the Premier League announced a new code of conduct for managers and clubs. Joe Royle, the League's longest-serving manager, was finally tempted away from Oldham, after 12 years at Boundary Park, by the challenge of managing his former club.

Two days later, despite the new code, Aston Villa sacked Ron Atkinson after eight defeats in nine League games – the worst run in the club's history.

A day after that, Gerry Francis finally called time on Queens Park Rangers, and was appointed manager of Tottenham. Rangers went for another ex-England captain as manager, taking Ray Wilkins back from Crystal Palace, the club he joined last summer.

Finally, Brian Little quit as Leicester City boss, with two years of his contract left to run, seemingly headed for the vacant hot-seat at his former club, Aston Villa.

Leicester, incensed at Little's departure, took out a High Court injunction to prevent his appointment at Villa Park. But the bid failed, and Little duly signed up as Villa's new boss.

While all that was going on, there also were managerial changes at Bristol City, Hereford, Swindon, Rochdale, Cardiff and Grimsby.

So much for the new code of conduct, which is supposed to ensure that contracts are honoured by all sides.

Leicester's reaction to Little's departure is typical – chairmen have few qualms about firing an unwanted manager, but scream blue murder when the manager himself makes the decision to leave.

Chairmen cannot have it both ways, and the new code perhaps goes some way to redressing this problem, giving managers a greater degree of job security, and chairmen a tighter grip on their managers.

Only time will tell if the new code helps to avoid the sort of managerial merry-go-round we have witnessed in the past month, a month in which matters off the pitch dominated the news.

Apart from the match-fixing allegations levelled at Bruce Grobbelaar, English football has been left reeling by Paul Merson's revelation that he has a cocaine habit.

England and Arsenal striker Merson decided to go public with his story, and has received an admirable level of support from both his club and his FA bosses, who have decided that a six-week rehabilitation programme will be punishment enough.

Given the circumstances, the FA could have done little else. Merson came forward and confessed to what is effectively a social problem, and was not caught in any random drug test. Further, there is no suggestion that he played under any artificial stimulant, and there is no evidence that he was seeking to gain an advantage.

My only criticism is that the FA should have made it crystal clear that Merson is effectively suspended until he has successfully completed the rehabilitation programme, and that a suspended disrepute charge hangs over him. If they had done that, they would have avoided much of the criticism for appearing too lenient.

All this comes at a time when Arsenal are embroiled in another alleged scandal, this time over money.

Claims in a Danish book that some of the transfer fee paid for John Jensen went missing have caused more embarrassment at Highbury. The book, *The Men Behind Brondby,* by Henrik Madsen, claims that Brondby paid Jensen's previous club, Hamburg, a quarter of the £900,000 they received from Arsenal. But Hamburg say they were told by Arsenal that the fee was £1.7million. It is the whereabouts of the "missing" sum that is causing the furore.

Cocaine habit . . . Paul Merson.

Better news on the pitch for Arsenal, who have reached the quarter-finals of both the Cup-winners and the Coca-Cola Cups. They visit Liverpool in the last eight of the domestic competition, and must cope with a rejuvenated Ian Rush, who scored a hat-trick at Blackburn in the previous round, on his 600th appearance for the club.

● TWO of the League's oldest clubs, Notts County and Stoke, meet in the two-legged semi-final of the Anglo-Italian Cup, for the right to meet either Ancona or Ascoli in the final. County hope to go one better than last season, when they lost 1-0 to Brescia at Wembley.

JOHN KELLY

Wales

Georgia on the mind

THE NATIONAL TEAM'S debacle in Georgia resulted in calls for yet another change in manager.

Mike Smith, after five matches in charge, could well keep the reins until the Bulgaria match on December 14, but names already being mentioned include Brian Flynn of Wrexham, Terry Yorath (again), Mike Walker and Ron Atkinson.

Rumours that the players do not want to play for Smith carry a serious allegation, but are hardly credible with a European Championship place in the balance. However, an ageing team and suspect tactical judgements seem more like the truth. A pity that the 5-0 defeat overshadowed a superb performance by the Under-21 side the previous night, resulting in a 2-1 win.

The usual calls for the overthrow of the FAW have this time been met by a realistic response from Konica League chairman Eddie Mellen. He has proposed a slimmed-down FAW council created by direct representation from the clubs, with subsequent answerability.

In the National League, champions Bangor City are beginning to pull away, with Inter Cardiff clinging on. City demolished basement side Maesteg Park 7-0 after Park centre-back Caldwell was dismissed early on. The previous week they hit five without reply at Caersws after home keeper Sillitoe was sent off after 12 minutes.

Luck seems to be with the champions at present, but they are an increasingly tight unit and must be favourites to retain the title.

Newtown's excellent performances against Wrexham's professionals in the Welsh Cup will give them confidence in their title chase. A fightback from a goal down at home and a courageous 2-0 defeat in the replay did Brian Coyne's young side credit.

They are attracting a lot of interest from professional clubs in England.

Inaugural champions Cwmbran Town have climbed into the frame again despite losing Goodridge and Ford – veterans of the 1993 side – to Barry Town.

Barry, the Welsh Cup holders, continue to disappoint. A 3-2 loss to Porthmadog – the away-day specialists – has left them stuck in the bottom half of the table.

MEL AP IOR THOMAS

Tipped for the top job . . . Wrexham boss Brian Flynn.

Northern Ireland

More bosses bite the bullet

WITH LESS THAN a third of this season's championship gone, a quarter of the Irish League clubs have parted company with their managers.

The clubs operate on a part-time basis, but it seems that they can be just as demanding as more illustrious counterparts in more prestigious leagues.

Glenavon's Alan Fraser had to bite the bullet after his team had done well in the early part of the season. Form in their recent matches had been erratic to say the least, and the final straw was a 4-0 defeat by champions Linfield at Windsor Park.

In three years at the club, Fraser's best achievement was winning the Irish Cup in 1992 – defeating Linfield in the Final.

He had gone within a few minutes of steering his team to the championship last season, but was shown the door, five months after signing a new five-year contract.

Following the departure of Tommy Jackson from Ballymena, other managers to quit their posts were Frank Parks of Cliftonville, replaced by Marty Quinn, and the Ballyclare partnership of Colin Crawford and John Muldoon. Paul Malone, formerly in charge at Ards, is now in the hot seat.

In Quinn's first game in charge, Cliftonville beat Glentoran 1-0 -their first home League win since Boxing Day, Malone, meanwhile, watched his new club celebrate their first League victory of the season, 3-1 at Newry.

Linfield had been going through a rocky period, losing three successive League games, including a 5-0 home debacle against Bangor, and that 4-0 victory over Glenavon came as a relief to manager Trevor Anderson. He had offered his resignation, only to have it refused.

Glentoran continue to show improvement under Tommy Cassidy and won their first trophy in five years, albeit on penalty kicks after a 1-1 draw, in the Gold Cup Final against Crusaders. That setback will not be worrying the 'Crues' very much. They are setting a hot pace, with strikers Glenn Hunter and Stephen Baxter rattling in the goals.

Northern Ireland suffered their biggest home defeat since 1979 when the Republic of Ireland hit four goals without reply at Windsor Park.

Belfast drubbing . . . 4-0 misery at Windsor Park.

Manager Bryan Hamilton was left with no illusions about the size of the rebuilding task which he faces after a talented squad cruelly exposed the deficiencies of a team who had won much praise after defeating Austria in Vienna in their previous outing.

Glentoran plan to move from the Oval, their home since the 1880s, to a purpose-build multi-sports complex. The football stadium will hold 10,000 spectators, all seated.

ROY KITSON

RESULTS

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	16	11	3	2	35	13	36
Man Utd	16	11	2	3	31	10	35
Newcastle Utd	16	10	4	2	34	17	34
Liverpool	16	9	3	4	33	17	30
Nottm Forest	16	8	4	4	25	16	28
Leeds	16	8	3	5	24	19	27
Man City	16	7	4	5	27	25	25
Chelsea	16	7	3	6	25	20	24
Norwich	16	6	6	4	15	14	24
Coventry	16	6	4	6	19	26	22
Southampton	16	5	6	5	23	26	21
Arsenal	16	5	5	6	18	16	20
Crystal Palace	16	5	5	6	15	18	20
Sheffield Wed	16	4	6	6	17	23	18
Wimbledon	16	5	3	8	17	28	18
West Ham	16	5	2	9	9	17	17
QPR	16	4	4	8	23	31	16
Aston Villa	16	3	5	8	20	28	14
Everton	16	3	5	8	12	24	14
Tottenham	16	5	4	7	25	31	13
Leicester	16	3	3	10	17	29	12
Ipswich	16	3	2	11	15	31	11

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MIDWEEK

LEEDS 2 (McAllister 35, Whelan 68)
LEICESTER 1 (Blake 54). **Att:** 28,547.

COCA-COLA (LEAGUE) CUP — 3RD ROUND

LIVERPOOL 2 STOKE CITY 1
QPR 3 MAN CITY 4
WIMBLEDON 0 CRYSTAL PALACE 1
ASTON VILLA 1 MIDDLESBROUGH 0
BLACKBURN 2 COVENTRY 0
NEWCASTLE 2 MAN UTD 0
NOTTS COUNTY 3 TOTTENHAM 0
OLDHAM 0 ARSENAL 0
SHEFFIELD WED 1 SOUTHAMPTON 0
TRANMERE 1 NORWICH 1
WEST HAM 1 CHELSEA 0
WOLVES 2 NOTTM FOREST 3

WEEKEND

COVENTRY 1 (Dublin 85)
MAN CITY 0. **Att:** 15,804.

EVERTON 1 (Unsworth 14)
ARSENAL 1 (Schwarz 24). **Att:** 32,003.

IPSWICH 1 (Paz 65)
LIVERPOOL 3 (Barnes 39, Fowler 56, 59). **Att:** 22,513.

LEICESTER 0
CRYSTAL PALACE 1 (Preece 36). **Att:** 20,022.

MAN UTD 2 (Pallister 12, Gillespie 77)
NEWCASTLE 0. **Att:** 43,795.

NOTTM FOREST 0
BLACKBURN 2 (Sutton 7, 69). **Att:** 22,131.

QPR 2 (Dichio 36, Penrice 90)
ASTON VILLA 0. **Att:** 16,073.

SHEFFIELD WED 1 (Bright 67)
CHELSEA 1 (Wise 40). **Att:** 25,450.

SOUTHAMPTON 1 (Maddison 44)
LEEDS 3 (Maddison og 54, Wallace 83, 89). **Att:** 15,202.

TOTTENHAM 3 (Klinsmann 19, Sheringham 49, Barmby 63)
WEST HAM 1 (Rush 42). **Att:** 26,271.

WIMBLEDON 1 (Ekoku 64)
NORWICH 0. **Att:** 8,242.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

MIDWEEK

QPR 2 (Sinclair 28, Ferdinand 85)
LIVERPOOL 1 (Barnes 65). **Att:** 18,295.

EVERTON 1 (Ablett 58)
WEST HAM 0. **Att:** 28,338.

IPSWICH 2 (Sedgley 7, Williams 65)
LEEDS 0. **Att:** 15,956.

COVENTRY 1 (Dublin 23)
CRYSTAL PALACE 4 (Preece 18, 49, Salako 20, Newman 80). **Att:** 10,732.

SHEFFIELD WED 0
BLACKBURN 1 (Shearer 53). **Att:** 24,207.

SOUTHAMPTON 1 (Le Tissier pen 89)
NORWICH 1 (Robins 49). **Att:** 12,976.

WEEKEND

BLACKBURN 2 (Wilcox 8, Shearer pen 50)
TOTTENHAM 0. **Att:** 26,933.

CRYSTAL PALACE 3 (Newman 18, Armstrong 81, Salako 85)
IPSWICH 0. **Att:** 13,349.

LEEDS 3 (Wetherall 13, Speed 38, White 45)
WIMBLEDON 1 (Ekoku 25). **Att:** 27,284.

LIVERPOOL 1 (Fowler 14)
NOTTM FOREST 0. **Att:** 33,329.

MAN CITY 3 (Walsh 50, 61, Beagrie 79)
SOUTHAMPTON 3 (Hall 26, Ekelund 62, 66). **Att:** 21,589.

NEWCASTLE 2 (Kitson 20, Beardsley 42)
QPR 1 (Dichio 60). **Att:** 34,278.

NORWICH 0
EVERTON 0. **Att:** 18,377.

WEST HAM 1 (Dicks pen 78)
LEICESTER 0. **Att:** 18,780.

ARSENAL 0
SHEFFIELD WED 0. **Att:** 33,705.

ASTON VILLA 1 (Atkinson 29)
MAN UTD 2 (Ince 44, Kanchelskis 50). **Att:** 32,136.

CHELSEA 2 (Spencer 46, Kjeldbjerg 70)
COVENTRY CITY 2 (Dublin 45, Ndlovu 77). **Att:** 17,090.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

MIDWEEK

LIVERPOOL 3 (Fowler 9, 10, Ruddock 25)
CHELSEA 1 (Spencer 3). **Att:** 32,855.

NOTTM FOREST 0
NEWCASTLE 0. **Att:** 22,102.

WIMBLEDON 4 (Barton pen 8, Ardley 65, Jones 83, Leonhardsen 90)
ASTON VILLA 3 (Parker 19, Saunders 38, 50). **Att:** 6,221.

MAN UTD 5 (Cantona 24, Kanchelskis 43, 47, 89, Hughes 70)
MAN CITY 0. **Att:** 43,738.

COCA-COLA (LEAGUE) CUP — 3RD ROUND REPLAYS

ARSENAL 2 OLDHAM 0
NORWICH 4 TRANMERE 2
SWINDON 4 BRIGHTON 1

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WEEKEND

COVENTRY 1 (Jones 62)
NORWICH 0. **Att:** 11,885.

IPSWICH 1 (Thomsen 28)
BLACKBURN 3 (Sutton 8, Sherwood 41, Shearer 70). **Att:** 17,329.

MAN UTD 3 (Irwin 8, Cantona 34, Kanchelskis 50)
CRYSTAL PALACE 0. **Att:** 43,788.

NOTTM FOREST 0
CHELSEA 1 (Spencer 28). **Att:** 22,092.

QPR 3 (Ferdinand 30, 39, Gallen 67)
LEEDS 2 (McDonald og 55, Deane 72). **Att:** 17,416.

SHEFFIELD WED 1 (Petrescu 28)
WEST HAM 0. **Att:** 25,300.

SOUTHAMPTON 1 (Magilton 60)
ARSENAL 0. **Att:** 15,201.

TOTTENHAM 3 (Sheringham 40, Klinsmann pen 53, 74)
ASTON VILLA 4 (Atkinson 8, Fenton 21, 27, Saunders 90). **Att:** 26,899.

WIMBLEDON 3 (Clarke 2, Ekoku 27, Harford 36)
NEWCASTLE 2 (Beardsley 30, Kitson 32). **Att:** 14,203.

LEICESTER 0
MAN CITY 1 (Quinn 16). **Att:** 19,006.

LEADING SCORERS

1 .....Robbie **FOWLER** (Liverpool) 14
2 .....Chris **SUTTON** (Blackburn).....12
3 .....Alan **SHEARER** (Blackburn) 10
Paul **WALSH** (Man City).....10
Andrei **KANCHELSKIS** (Man Utd).....10
Jurgen **KLINSMANN** (Tottenham).....10

BELL'S SCOTTISH PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	15	9	3	3	26	12	30
Motherwell	15	7	7	1	29	20	28
Hibernian	14	5	8	1	18	9	23
Falkirk	15	5	6	4	22	23	21
Celtic	14	4	7	3	14	13	19
Dundee Utd	15	5	4	6	19	23	19
Hearts	15	5	2	8	18	24	17
Kilmarnock	15	3	6	6	14	20	15
Aberdeen	15	2	6	7	18	22	12
Partick Thistle	15	3	3	9	12	24	12

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

MIDWEEK

COCA-COLA (LEAGUE) CUP — SEMI-FINALS

AIRDRIE 1 RAITH 2
CELTIC 1 ABERDEEN 0

WEEKEND

ABERDEEN 3 (O'Hanlon og 13, Booth 15, Kane 78)
DUNDEE UTD 0. **Att:** 11,500.

CELTIC 1 (Byrne 39)
RANGERS 3 (Hateley 25, 42, Laudrup 69). **Att:** 32,171.

HIBERNIAN 2 (Jackson 14, O'Neill 15)
HEARTS 1 (Robertson pen 80). **Att:** 13,606.

MOTHERWELL 3 (Coyne 36, 56, Mitchell og 55)
KILMARNOCK 2 (Henry 12, McKee 40). **Att:** 7,436.

PARTICK THISTLE 1 (Grant 8)
FALKIRK 2 (Clark 9, May 40). **Att:** 4,521.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WEEKEND

DUNDEE UTD 2 (Brewster 14, Dailly 72)
CELTIC 2 (Collins 9, 28). **Att:** 10,393.

FALKIRK 2 (Cramb pen 27, McGowan 66)
ABERDEEN 1 (Booth 10). **Att:** 6,185.

RANGERS 3 (Laudrup 49, Miller 59, Hateley 86)
PARTICK THISTLE 0. **Att:** 43,696.

HEARTS 1 (Robertson 35)
MOTHERWELL 2 (Shannon 30, Coyne 46). **Att:** 8,809.

KILMARNOCK 0
HIBERNIAN 0. **Att:** 8,319.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

WEEKEND

ABERDEEN 0
HIBERNIAN 0. **Att:** 8,500.

CELTIC 0
PARTICK THISTLE 0. **Att:** 21,462.

FALKIRK 3 (Clark 57, 88, Henderson 72)
KILMARNOCK 3 (Skilling 19, Black 21, Henry 32). **Att:** 6,127.

HEARTS 1 (Colquhoun 67)
RANGERS 1 (Hateley pen 49). **Att:** 12,347.

MOTHERWELL 1 (Martin 49)
DUNDEE UTD 1 (Brewster 90). **Att:** 6,136.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WEEKEND

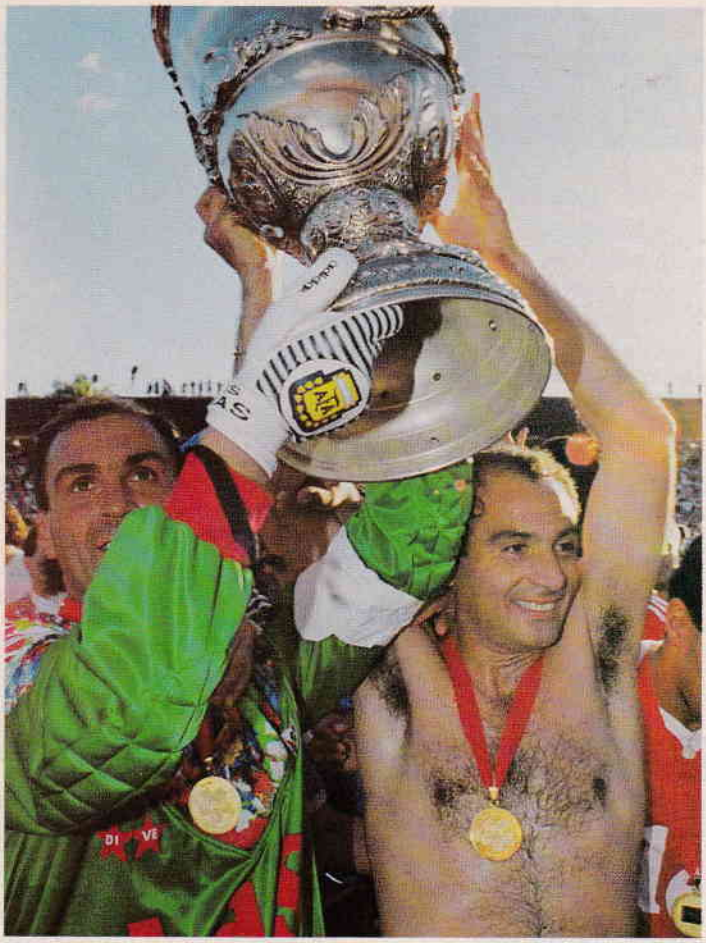
DUNDEE UTD 5 (Johnson 5, Brewster 15, McKinlay 19, Dailly 41, 68)
HEARTS 2 (Thomas 4, 70). **Att:** 7,717.

RANGERS 7
FALKIRK 1 (Henderson 55). **Att:** 44,018.

HIBERNIAN 2 (McAllister 31, O'Neill 45)
MOTHERWELL 2 (Coyne 8, Davies 55). **Att:** 9,158.

KILMARNOCK 0
CELTIC 0. **Att:** 12,602.

PARTICK THISTLE 2 (Craig 53, Gibson 56)
ABERDEEN 1 (Dodds 24). **Att:** 4,500.



ARGENTINA's INDEPENDIENTE – winners of the Libertadores Cup a record seven times – have finally won the South American Supercup, the tournament for past Libertadores winners.

Independiente beat Boca Juniors in a closely-fought all-Argentinian final.

There were 16 winners of the Libertadores Cup up to last year – which made for an easy knock-out draw – but there will be 17 next time around as Argentina's Velez Sarsfield won the Libertadores Cup for the first time in 1994.

Such a tournament inevitably brings in weak teams whose glory days are behind them, such as Brazil's Santos (Libertadores winners in the early 1960s), Argentinos Juniors and compatriots Estudiantes de La Plata, three-time winners at the end of the 1960s but recently relegated to the Second Division.

However, it was Estudiantes who caused the tournament's only real upset by knocking out Brazil's Flamengo in the first round and then coming close to doing the same to another Brazilian team, Cruzeiro, in the second round. Estudiantes might well have succeeded if they had not made promotion in domestic soccer the priority of their season and sent reserves to Brazil after winning the home leg.

It can be safely said that Independiente – who had just won their national championship's closing tournament – were about the best team in the Supercup. They knocked out three Brazilian teams fairly easily – Santos, Gremio and Cruzeiro – and only had a tough time in the final against Boca Juniors of Argentina, who could not score despite outplaying Independiente and suffered the dismissal of a key player (international Mancuso) during the first leg.

Boca Juniors had reached the final by beating Uruguay's Penarol, traditional Argentinian rivals River Plate and Brazilian holders Sao Paulo – an altogether harder path, but the last two were only knocked out in penalty shoot-outs for which their excellent goalkeeper, Navarro Montoya, took a lot of credit.

Independiente were the better team all-round and they threw their heart and soul into winning this tournament, probably sacrificing another League title by continually fielding reserve teams in League games while the Supercup was in progress.

In the closely fought Final legs, their excellent striker, Sebastian Rambert, scored in both the 1-1 away leg and the 1-0 home win to finish as leading Supercup scorer with five goals, followed by Colombian team-mate, Albeiro Usuriaga, with four.

The first leg saw Boca Juniors well on top in the first half and deserving of more than a 1-0 half-time lead. Their problems began when midfielder Mancuso was sent off nine minutes into the second half. Independiente took command and equalised through Rambert.

In the second leg, Boca Juniors were once again the better side in the first half, but could not drive home their advantage for lack of punch and variation in attack, but their best chance came in the second half when Arzeno cleared a shot from Martinez off the line.

Independiente found the open spaces more effectively in the second half and Rambert showed his class, scoring the deciding goal five minutes after the break.

As Supercup winners, Independiente qualify to play for two other South American cups – the Gold Cup with previous Supercup winners Cruzeiro, Sao Paulo and Atletico Mineiro (Brazil) and Boca Juniors; and the Recopa against Libertadores Cup holders Velez Sarsfield.

Independiente sneak it

Eric Weil reports on the South American Supercup

Saint Sebastian . . . Independiente's Rambert.

FINAL

1ST LEG
November 3, Buenos Aires, Argentina
BOCA JUNIORS 1 (Martinez)
INDEPENDIENTE 1 (Rambert)
HT: 1-0.
Ref: Roberto Ruscio (Argentina).
Boca Juniors: Navarro Montoya, Vivas, Gamboa, Fabbri, Mac Allister, Acuca, Mancuso, Marcico, Carranza, Martibez (Carrizo), Da Silva (Trellez).
Independiente: Islas, Craviotto, Arzano, Serrizuela, Rios. Cagna, Perez, Garnero, Lopez (Gareca), Usuriaga (Parodi), Rambert.

2ND LEG
November 9, Avellaneda, Argentina.
INDPENDIENTE 1 (Rambert)
BOCA JUNIORS 0
HT: 0-0.
Ref: Francisco Lamolina (Argentina).
Independiente: Islas, Craviotto (Gordillo), Arzeno, Serrizuela, Rios, Cagna, Perez, Garnero, Lopez, Usuriaga (Cascini), Rambert.
Boca Juniors: Navarro Montoya, Vivas, Gamboa, Fabbri, Mac Allister, Acuna, Carrizo (Pico), Marcico, Carranza (Trellez), Martinez, Da Silva.

Two-timers

Sao Paulo play twice in one day!

BRAZILIAN fixture congestion has now got to the stage where some teams are playing twice in one day.

Sao Paulo set what might well be a first in football history when they played two official games on one evening at the Morumbi Stadium, and won both.

First, they beat Sporting Cristal of Peru 3-1 in the first leg of the Conmebol Cup (the latest tinpot invention of the South American Football Confederation) and after that had finished they beat Gremio in the Brazilian championship.

The club fielded a mainly reserve team in the first game but Juninho, a midfielder, went on as a substitute in both matches and turned the game around on each occasion.

In the first, with Sao Paulo trailing 1-0, he equalised from a free-kick and then set up the second goal. In the next game, with the score 1-1, he dribbled past three defenders to set up Sao Paulo's second goal for Ailton.

Managers and players constantly criticise the congestion, but to no avail. "I've given up complaining about fixture congestion," said Sao Paulo coach Tele Santana. "I'm just glad we didn't have to play in the morning as well."

Sao Paulo's is an extreme but not isolated case. The CBF happily drew up a fixture list for the Brazilian championship, which involves teams playing twice a week, but chose to ignore the fact that five teams – Sao Paulo, Gremio, Corinthians, Vitoria and Botafogo – had entered the Conmebol Cup, where matches are played weekly.

The situation looks set to continue. Both CBF and CSF are obsessed with quantity rather than quality and their planning, to use the word in its loosest possible sense, is based around the logic that more competitions means more fees from television rights.

Attendances are considered irrelevant, even if they are as low as the 206 for Botafogo's game at home to Minerven of Venezuela in the Conmebol Cup. (The Venezuelan contingent consisted of one plump gentlemen timidly waving the country's flag).

Like Sao Paulo, Botafogo also chose to send the reserves into the Conmebol Cup, and paid the penalty when they were knocked out by unsung Venezuelans . . . on penalties.

Gates in the Brazilian championship have been almost as bad. Only 600 fans were at the Maracana – where capacity is now 130,000 but which once held 200,000 – for a recent Fluminense game. The average attendance for the competition is under 10,000.

The situation is clearly ridiculous. Fans often do not know what competition a game is in, and even if they do they then have to decipher whether the game is in the second phase of the first stage or the first stage of the second phase or if it is the first leg of a knockout tie or whatever.

Then they have to fathom out what the competition itself involves (10 points for anyone who can say what the Conmebol Cup or the Copa Rio are supposed to represent).

In the Brazilian championship, Guarani, who had guaranteed their quarter-final place by press time, were the revelation, Amoroso leading the scorers' table with 19 goals in 25 games. The club immediately valued him at $13million.

Palmeiras and Corinthians also reached the quarter-finals by winning their groups in the first phase of the second stage, while Bragantino and Atletico Mineiro took the places amazingly awarded to the top two teams in the relegation play-off.

Botafogo, Bahia, Santos, Portuguesa, Parana and Sport Recife were fighting for the other places.

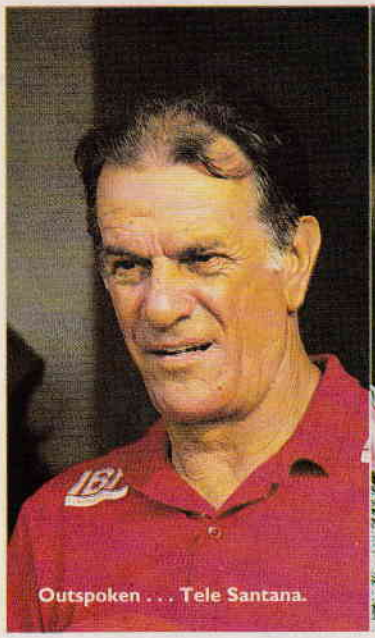
> *'I'm just glad we didn't have to play in the morning as well'*
>
> TELE SANTANA

If Palmeiras and Corinthians also win the second round final stage they will get a bye into the semi-finals. Otherwise the two group winners also go into quarter-finals which will be completed with the top two of the regional play-off and two other teams with the best overall records.

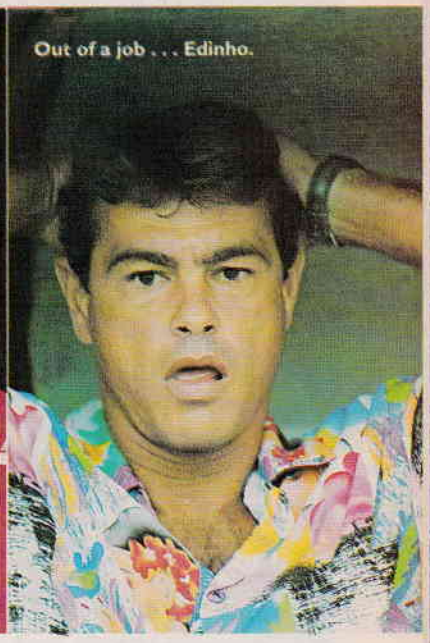
And there is a real chance that Rio de Janeiro clubs will not get a single quarter-final place. The four big Rio clubs – Vasco da Gama, Flamengo, Fluminense, Botafogo – finished in lowly positions in the second stage first round. Flamengo replaced coach Carlinhos with Edinho.

Defender Junior Baiano, who moved from Flamengo to Sao Paulo recently, had an explanation: "In Sao Paulo we were given vitamins after matches, we are concentrated 48 hours before each game, salaries are paid punctually, gymnasiums are in perfect condition and players can eat at the club if they want. None of that exists in Rio," he said.

● Vasco da Gama lost five points for fielding midfielder William – the man unable to give a drug test sample after a game and suspended for 30 days, then reinstated by a sports tribunal which the Brazilian Federation did not recognise. But Vasco then appealed to the Superior Sports Tribunal and got their five points back.



Outspoken . . . Tele Santana.



Out of a job . . . Edinho.

Butt out!

THUGGERY has a nasty habit of going unpunished in Brazilian football. So it was refreshing to see Santos take a lead by dismissing manager Serginho for yet another act of mindless violence.

Serginho, who played as a striker for Brazil in the 1982 World Cup, was sacked after grabbing a newspaper reporter by the throat and then butting him.

This happened in the Santos dressing room after a 2-1 defeat by Corinthains.

Pele, a member of the Santos board, was instrumental in the decision to dismiss Serginho.

The day after the incident Serginho promised he would never use violence again. But he had said exactly the same thing two months earlier, after kicking a rival club director in the groin.

Serginho had done a commendable job in running the side, but action clearly needed to be taken, if only for his own good. His playing career was littered with equally unsavoury incidents.

Edmundo, the brilliant but wayward Palmeiras striker, could go the same way as Serginho but he continues to be let off for similarly nasty behaviour.

Last year he was banned for four months by a CBF disciplinary commission for shoving a hand in a referee's face after being sent off.

"I'm confident we'll get the ban overturned," he said, and he was right. A CBF tribunal accepted a Palmeiras appeal and annulled the punishment.

Undeterred, Edmundo last month lashed out at opponents during a Palmeiras-Sao Paulo game and caused a brawl which held up play for 15 minutes and resulted in six sendings-off.

The disciplinary commission banned him for 30 days and four games, but once again Palmeiras appealed.

The lenient gentlemen of the CBF will hear the case shortly.

● Spectator violence is becoming more common with four fans killed in different incidents in a month. The Rio government's sports department, headed by a man called Jack London, has imposed stricter measures, making clubs responsible for the behaviour of their fans.

In the most recent incident a man was accidently shot dead on a Rio de Janeiro bus by fans who were aiming at a group of rival supporters, police have said.

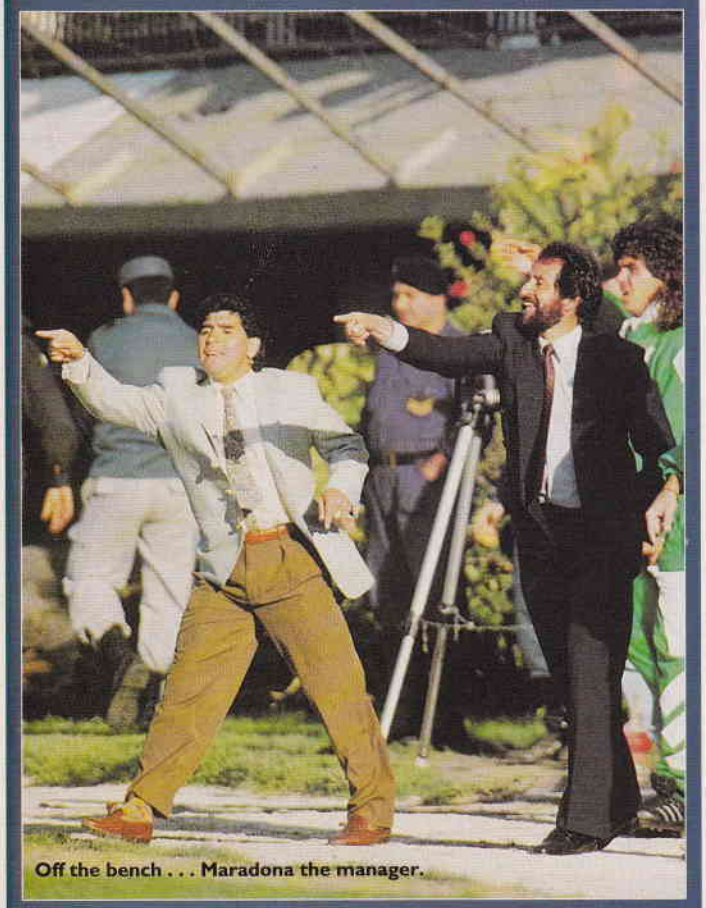
Roberto Perez da Silva, 40, was on a bus carrying a group of Fluminense fans celebrating their team's 3-0 Brazilian Championship match win over Flamengo at the Maracana Stadium.

BRIAN HOMEWOOD

Bad boy . . . Edmundo.

Argentina

Carry on coaching



Off the bench . . . Maradona the manager.

DEPORTIVO MANDIYU, the team now coached by Diego Maradona, have not won in five games under his direction – three draws, two defeats – and continue to be threatened by relegation.

But better news for Maradona was that he was given permission by FIFA to carry on as coach in spite of his playing suspension, while the Argentine FA gave him special permission to go on the field in spite of his not having a coaching certificate. That caused quite a bit of ill feeling as others in the same position – such as Huracan coach Hector Cuper – were not given the same privilege.

Velez Sarsfield, the Libertadores Cup winners, appeared to lose form shortly before their World Club Cup clash in Tokyo and were caught up at the top of the National A Division by River Plate. Velez's last three games before press time had only yielded two points and included their first defeat (1-0 by Racing Club) in the 10th game. For their last match, however, they had no less than five first teamers suspended.

Breathing down the necks of the joint leaders are Argentinos Juniors, a young team with no stars whose move back from Mendoza – where they had been playing last season's home games in search of more crowd support – seems to have done them good. Unbeaten in seven games, they are two points from the top.

River Plate, one of two unbeaten teams – San Lorenzo is the other – are under former assistant coach, Americo Gallego, who will be joining his former River Plate boss, Daniel Passarella, and the national team at the end of the opening championship. Numerous candidates have been mentioned to replace him at River Plate, including Tele Santana and Ossie Ardiles (the latter suggested by Passarella when he left).

The other big club, Cesar Menotti's Boca Juniors, are improving as their many newcomers settle down, but they frequently fail to drive home their first half dominance of games by a lack of variety in attack.

Independiente, last season's closing tournament winners, have been throwing the title away by fielding reserve teams while they compete in the Supercup. They now trail the leaders by six points, although they have a game in hand.

● Argentinian FA chief Julio Grondona has announced that Argentina will bid to stage the 2006 World Cup finals. Grondona said the prospect follows a comment by FIFA president Joao Havelange that the World Cup would no longer alternate between Europe and America.

ERIC WEIL

Uruguay

Penerol in play-offs

PENAROL won the Uruguayan First Division closing championship by three points over eternal rivals Nacional to qualify for a title play-off with opening champions, Defensor Sporting.

At press time the first of the two-legged play-offs ended in a 1-1 draw in which Defensor Sporting equalised with the last shot of the game.

Penarol had really also won the opening championship, but were then relegated to second place when they, like Nacional, lost four points as a result of violence and a fan being killed during their match.

Penarol won the closing championship by winning 10 of their 12 games and scoring 33 goals – far more than any other team. Their attack was their strongest department – Dario Silva was top scorer in the closing championship with nine goals.

Seven Penarol players were meanwhile called up for the national team under coach Hector Nunez – goalkeeper Oscar Ferro, defender Oscar Aguirregaray, midfielders Bengoechea (a veteran international and the club's key organiser), Andrew Martinez and Diego Dorta and strikers Marcelo Otero and Dario Silva.

Bella Vista were relegated with the worst overall record while Rampla Juniors and Racing Club (second in the B Division) were due to play a reclassification match.

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Penerol's main man . . . Pablo Bengoechea.

Peru

Cristal clear

SPORTING CRISTAL wrapped up the Peruvian championship race with four games left to play.

The Lima side looked the only likely winners for months and won 11 of their matches by a margin of four goals or more, including a remarkable 11-1 victory against Defensor Lima in July.

Cristal are one of the few financially solvent clubs in the league. They were known as Sporting Tabaco until 1956, when Backus y Johnston, the country's main brewery, bought it and named it after its leading brand of lager. This year alone, the company has pumped in around $1.5million in sponsorship.

The backing has allowed Cristal to buy and hold onto influential foreign players, like the Brazilian Julio Cesar de Andrade, Julinho, scorer of 10 goals this season, and captain Pedro Garay, signed from Cerro Porteno of Paraguay. It has also allowed the club to develop a strong youth policy, which has cultivated players like Roberto Palacios, scorer of 13 goals, and Flavio Maestri, the League's leading scorer with 21 goals.

Cristal now carry Peruvian fortunes in international competition. The club reached the semi-finals of the Libertadores Cup two years ago, one of the best performances ever by a Peruvian club.

In November they played their first matches in the Conmebol Cup.

After a shaky start, winning only 2-1 in Lima, Cristal did well in Quito to beat Nacional of Ecuador 1-0, despite having to play the last 20 minutes of the match with 10 men.

In the next round they faced Sao Paulo, a much tougher test altogether for Cristal – they went down 3-1 in the first leg in Brazil.

PETE HUDSON

Paraguay

Romerito going strong at 37

JULIO CESAR ROMERO, better known as 'Romerito', the Paraguayan international who starred with teams in Brazil, Spain and the USA, is still playing in the Paraguayan First Division at the age of 37

His club, Cerro Cora, caused the Conmebol Cup's first round upset by beating Argentina's Huracan on their own ground in the first leg.

"Paraquay would be among the leading South American soccer nations if the game was not so badly managed there. I am way past my best, but the league's standard is so poor – the worst I can remember – that I can still play well in the league without running a lot," he said.

One of his team-mates at Cerro Cora is striker Raul Vicente Amarilla, the former international and Olimpia centre-forward. Now aged 34, he was given a free transfer by Olimpia because he was considered too old. He scored two of the goals against Huracan.

"Apart from administering the game badly, officials don't know how to make the best use of the talent available. They sidelined Chilavert (of Libertadores Cup winners Velez Sarsfield) because they considered him 'conflictive' just as they wouldn't put me in the national team anymore because I spoke my mind," Romero said.

But Romero has no plans to give up soccer yet and says he continues playing because it gives him enjoyment.

Meanwhile Olimpia lead the second round of the First Division, having dropped only two points in 10 games. The winner will face first round winners Cerro Porteno for the title. Cerro are four points behind, but with a game in hand. If they take top place no play-off will be necessary.

Top scorer is Cerro Porteno's Hector Nunez with 22 goals followed by Jose Cardozo (Olimpia) with 17.

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Oldie but a goodie . . . Romerito.

● IN COLOMBIA, **Nacional of Medellin won the closing championship to add to their opening championship title. The final round had started with eight teams in two groups from the top eight in the overall standings. These are (with bonus points given to the top four in the opening an closing championships): Group A: Nacional (2), Independiente Medellin (0.50), Envigado (0.25), Deportivo Cali, Group B: Millonarios (1.75), Junior (0.25), Caldas, America (0.50).**

● **IN CHILE,** the two university clubs, Universidad Catolica and Universidad de Chile, continue their close fight for the title with only seven games to go while others are being left behind. Catolica leads by two points . . . Two Argentinians top the scorers list: Alejandro Glaria (Cobreloa) with 22 goals and Alberto Acosta (Univ. Catolica) with 21 . . . Mirko Josic, Chile's Yugoslav national team coach, resigned as he does not want to stay in the country another four years.

Tables

ARGENTINA
National A Division –
Opening Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Velez Sarsfield	11	7	3	1	16	4	17
River Plate	11	6	4	0	15	9	17
Argentinos Juniors	11	6	3	2	15	10	15
San Lorenzo	10	4	6	0	11	7	14
Newell's Old Boys	10	4	5	1	14	9	13
Racing Club	11	5	3	3	7	5	13
Independiente	10	4	3	3	15	10	11
Lanus	10	4	3	3	7	7	11
Rosario Central	11	4	3	4	7	6	11
Huracan	10	4	2	4	17	11	10
FC Oeste	11	3	3	5	14	12	9
Boca Juniors	10	2	5	3	13	14	9
Gim Esgrima LP	10	2	5	3	10	11	9
Platense	11	3	3	5	10	13	9
Talleres Cordoba	11	2	5	4	13	17	9
Belgrano Cordoba	11	2	4	5	8	13	8
Deportivo Espanol	11	2	3	6	7	12	7
Mandiyu Corrientes	10	0	5	5	11	17	5
Gimnasia Jujuy	11	2	0	9	6	18	4
Banfield	11	4	2	5	5	12	10

BOLIVIA
National Championship – 2nd stage
After 11 games
Group A: 1) Ciclon, Wilsterman, The Strongest 12; 4) Blooming 11; 5) Guabira 10; 6) Metalsan 2.
Group B: 1) Bolivar 17; 2) San Jose 13; 3) Real Santa Cruz 12; 4) Independiente Petrolero 11; 5) Destroyers 9; 6) Oriente Petrolero 7.

BRAZIL
National Championship
Second stage - 1st round final standings

Group E	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Corinthians*	7	5	1	1	13	6	12
Guarani*	7	4	3	0	11	6	12
Gremio	7	3	1	3	9	9	7
Internacionale PA	7	2	3	2	9	10	7
Paysandu	7	2	2	3	6	8	6
Vasco da Gama	7	2	1	4	7	9	5
Portuguesa	7	2	1	4	6	8	5
Fluminense	7	1	2	4	7	12	4

Group F							
Palmeiras*	7	4	2	1	8	5	11
Sport Recife	7	4	2	1	15	8	10
Sao Paulo	7	3	3	1	14	12	9
Bahia	7	2	4	1	9	8	8
Santos	7	2	2	3	10	11	6
Botafogo*	7	2	1	4	7	12	6
Parana	7	0	4	3	5	8	4
Flamengo	7	1	2	4	3	7	4

● *Group winners Corinthians and Palmeiras qualify for quarter-finals. If same teams also win second round – in which teams play against teams in other group – they get bye into semifinals, otherwise group winners also qualify for quarterfinals.*
** One bonus point for winning first stage groups.*

Relegation play-off

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bragantino	9	5	2	2	13	6	12
At. Mineiro	8	5	1	2	14	5	11
Vitoria	9	4	1	3	10	11	9
Uniao Sao Joao	9	3	3	3	9	10	9
Cruzeiro	8	3	2	3	9	8	8
Remo	9	2	4	3	5	13	8
Criciuma	9	2	3	4	19	16	7
Nautico	9	3	0	6	8	9	6

● *Top two qualify for quarterfinals plus two teams with best overall records in championship – Bottom two relegated to Second Division.*

CHILE
First Division
After 23 games: 1) Universidad Catolica 38 pts; 2) Universidad de Chile 36; 3) O'Higgins 31; 4) Cobreloa 26; 5) Colo Colo (one game less) 25; 6) Union Espanola 24; 7) Antofagasta 23; 8) Temuco, Everton 22; 10) Atacama 21; 11) Palestino (one game less), La Serena, Coquimbo 19; 14) Osorno 15; 15) Cobresal, Rangers 13.

COLOMBIA
First Division –
Closing championship Final Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nacional Medellin	30	14	9	7	48	35	37
Millonarios Bogota	30	15	6	9	54	39	36
Indep Medellin	30	13	10	7	43	35	36
Junior Barranquilla	30	12	11	7	51	37	35
Once Caldas	30	7	18	5	45	39	32
Deportivo Cali	30	11	9	10	45	46	31
Cucuta	30	6	17	7	35	31	29
Atletico Huila	30	10	9	11	43	47	29
Envigado	30	10	9	11	36	46	29
America Cali	30	9	10	11	44	34	28
Quindio	30	9	10	11	44	52	28
Union Magdalena	30	9	10	11	31	44	28
Pereira	30	11	5	14	42	43	27
Indep Santa Fe	30	8	9	13	33	42	25
Tulua	30	5	15	10	31	42	25
Bucaramanga	30	7	11	12	32	45	25

● *Top four teams take one, 3/4, 1/2 and 1/4 bonus points into final round.*
Overall standings (with total bonus points accrued in brackets): 1) Nacional 59 pts (2); 2) Millonarios 54 (1.75); 3) Independiente Medellin (0.50), Once Caldas 51; 5) Junior 50 (0.25); 6) Dep. Cali 49; 7) Envigado (0.25), America (0.50) 48; 9) Cucuta 45; 10) Huila 44; 11) Union Magdalena 42; 12) Quindio 41; 13) Pereira, Santa Fe 39; 15) Tulua, Bucaramanga 38.

ECUADOR
First Division final round
After two games (including bonus points from previous rounds): 1) Emelec, Espoli 5; 3) Barcelona 4; 4) Dep. Quito 3; 5) Nacional 2.5; 6) Aucas 0.

PARAGUAY
First Division – 2nd round
After 10 games: 1) Olimpia 18 pts; 2) Nacional 15; 3) Cerro Porteno (one game less) 14; 4) Sol de America, Libertad (one game less) 13; 6)Sport Colombia 12; 7) 8 de Diciembre, Humaita 11; 9) River Plate, Cerro Cora, Sportivo Luqueno 10; 12) Guarani, Cerro Porteno Este 9; 14) Presidente Hayes, Trinidense 8; 16) 12 de Octubre, Boqueron, Colegiales 7; 19) Guarani, Pettirosi 3.

PERU

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting Cristal	28	22	3	3	84	19	49*
Universitario	28	18	4	6	41	18	40
Alianza Lima	28	15	8	5	54	28	38
Leon de Huanuco	28	15	4	9	40	35	34
Deportivo Sipesa	28	11	9	8	36	29	31
FC Melgar	28	12	7	9	40	39	31
Deportivo Municipal	28	12	6	10	38	35	30
Ciclista Lima	28	12	6	10	48	51	30
Union Minas	28	10	7	11	32	40	27
Aurich-Canana	28	10	6	12	31	35	26
Sport Boys	28	11	1	16	32	40	23
San Agustin	28	7	7	14	33	46	21
Alianza Atletico	28	8	5	15	36	53	21
Cienciano	28	7	6	15	22	39	20
Carlos Mannucci	28	4	8	16	20	43	16
Defensor Lima	28	2	9	17	24	59	13

● *Cristal awarded two bonus points for winning the pre-season opening tournament.*

URUGUAY
First Division –
Closing Championship – final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Penarol	12	10	0	2	33	9	20
Nacional	12	7	3	2	19	11	17
Wanderers	12	5	4	2	19	14	14
Cerro	12	4	6	2	15	13	14
Defensor Sporting	12	4	5	3	12	7	13
Central Espanol	12	5	3	4	15	16	13
Liverpool	12	5	2	5	13	11	12
River Plate	12	4	2	6	9	9	10
Rampla Juniors	12	2	6	4	5	10	10
Bella Vista	12	3	3	6	11	19	9
Danubio	12	3	3	6	11	20	9
Basanez	12	2	4	6	9	19	8
Progreso	12	3	1	8	7	20	7

● *Penarol play Defensor Sporting for title.*

ERIC WEIL

Licence to thrill

Competition for places in the 1996 African Nations Cup finals is hotting up. Mark Gleeson rounds up the latest matches

GHANA continued their storming start to the African Nations Cup qualifiers with a third successive win that almost surely ensured them a place in the 1996 finals in Kenya.

A 2-1 away win over Gambia gave them a full haul of nine points from three matches and a comfortable lead over the rest of the countries in their section.

Ghana and Burkina Faso, who have played only one match, are the two teams with 100 per cent records. But Ghana's domination of their group is perhaps not reflective of the overall pattern. There have been a couple of shocks, and a thrilling competition is still in store before the 16 finalists are revealed in July.

Lesotho's 2-0 win over Cameroon and Namibia's 2-1 defeat of Mali, semi-finalists at the 1994 finals, added to the drama.

Then there was the attack on Zambian referee Christian Chikuka by Zairean players after their last-minute defeat by Zimbabwe in Harare, that has thrown doubt over their continued participation.

With two teams to qualify from each group, a clearer picture should emerge after the two rounds of qualifying.

Malawi look a good bet from Group 1, while Togo are unexpectedly in the frame in Group 2.

Egypt have dropped only one point in Group 4, even without the presence of Zamalek players who were securing the Cairo club a place in this year's African Champions Cup Final.

Algeria are unbeaten, too, but have only three points after a modest start under coach Rabah Madjer.

In Group 5, South Africa are seemingly coming of age, outplaying Zambia in Lusaka and winning a valuable away point.

Gabon also started well with a 3-0 home win over Mauritius, although two goals came from the penalty spot.

Group 6 is perhaps the most wide open, with any one of Angola, Guinea, Mali and Mozambique having a chance of making it to Kenya in 1996.

All four countries have recalled their European-based players *en masse* for the qualifying matches.

Morocco put their surprise defeat in Burkina Faso behind them to beat Ivory Coast 1-0 in Casablanca in Group 7, but there is still plenty at stake in this group.

Pitch battle . . . angry player protests followed Zimbabwe's win over Zaire.

Kenya KO'd

KENYA has withdrawn from hosting the 1996 African Nations Cup because of a shortage of funds.

Culture and Social Services Minister Hussein Maalim Mohamed said that Kenya had decided to pull out because the cost had risen from $850,000 to $5.67million.

"With the current economic situation, and given that hosting costs have gone up, the government finds it impossible to upgrade its facilities in time for the 1996 Africa Cup of Nations," Hussein said.

Kenya had bid to host the tournament because it had thought the Confederation of African Football (CAF) would allow matches to be held in one city. But CAF made it clear that it wanted some matches to be held in Mombasa.

"CAF want Mombasa stadium to be of a 20,000 capacity, but the government is unable to secure the funds to upgrade the Mombasa stadium," the minister said.

It has been estimated that it would cost $2.46million to renovate the Mombasa stadium, the home of First Division Bandari. Mombasa council offered only $107,000 towards renovation costs.

South Africa, originally due to host the 1998 event and the official reserve for 1996, is now favourite to host the tournament. FA President Solomon Morewa said:"We are ready to host the event. It will be a great honour."

In addition to hefty fines from CAF, Kenya will also be barred from the 1996 finals as the qualifying rounds are already under way.

RESULTS

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP GROUP 1

04.09.94 Zaire v Malawi 1-1
04.09.94 Zimbabwe v Lesotho....5-0
15.10.94 Malawi v Zimbabwe 3-1
16.10.94 Cameroon v Zaire....1-0
13.11.94 Lesotho v Cameroon....2-0
13.11.94 Zimbabwe v Zaire 2-1
08.01.95 Cameroon v Malawi
08.01.95 Zaire v Lesotho
23.01.95 Lesotho v Malawi
23.01.95 Zimbabwe v Cameroon
08.04.95 Malawi v Zaire
09.04.95 Lesotho v Zimbabwe
23.04.95 Zaire v Cameroon
23.04.95 Zimbabwe v Malawi
04.06.95 Cameroon v Lesotho
04.06.95 Zaire v Zimbabwe
15.07.95 Malawi v Cameroon
16.07.95 Lesotho v Zaire
29.07.95 Malawi v Lesotho
30.07.95 Cameroon v Zimbabwe

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zimbabwe	3	2	0	1	8	4	4
Malawi	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Cameroon	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Lesotho	2	1	0	1	2	5	2
Zaire	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

GROUP 2

03.09.94 Senegal v Mauritania....0-0
04.09.94 Guinea Bissau v Tunisia 1-3
04.09.94 Liberia v Togo 1-0
14.10.94 Mauritania v G. Bissau 1-1
16.10.94 Togo v Senegal 2-0
11.11.94 Mauritania v Liberia 1-1
13.11.94 Guinea Bissau v Senegal ..1-4
13.11.94 Tunisia v Togo 1-1
07.01.95 Senegal v Tunisia
08.01.95 Liberia v Guinea Bissau
08.01.95 Togo v Mauritania
23.01.95 Guinea Bissau v Togo
23.01.95 Liberia v Senegal
23.01.95 Tunisia v Mauritania
12.02.95 Tunisia v Liberia
07.04.95 Togo v Liberia
09.04.95 Tunisia v Guinea Bissau
22.04.95 Senegal v Togo
23.04.95 Guinea Bissau v Mauritania
23.04.95 Liberia v Tunisia
03.06.95 Senegal v Guinea Bissau
04.06.96 Liberia v Mauritania
04.06.95 Togo v Tunisia
14.07.95 Mauritania v Togo
16.07.95 Guinea Bissau v Liberia
16.07.95 Tunisia v Senegal
28.07.95 Mauritania v Tunisia
29.07.95 Senegal v Liberia
30.07.95 Togo v Guinea Bissau

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tunisia	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Senegal	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Togo	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Liberia	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Mauritania	3	0	3	0	2	2	2
Guinea Bissau	3	0	1	2	3	8	1

GROUP 3

04.09.94 Congo v Gambia 1-1
04.09.94 Ghana v Sierra Leone....4-1
16.10.94 Niger v Ghana 1-5
16.10.94 Sierra Leone v Congo 3-2
12.11.94 Gambia v Ghana 1-2
13.11.94 Niger v Sierra Leone....4-2
08.01.95 Congo v Niger
08.01.95 Sierra Leone v Gambia
23.01.95 Ghana v Congo
23.01.95 Niger v Gambia
09.04.95 Gambia v Congo
09.04.95 Sierra Leone v Ghana
23.04.95 Congo v Sierra Leone
23.04.95 Ghana v Niger
04.06.95 Ghana v Gambia
04.06.95 Sierra Leone v Niger
16.07.95 Gambia v Sierra Leone
16.07.95 Niger v Congo
30.07.95 Congo v Ghana
30.07.95 Gambia v Niger

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ghana	3	3	0	0	11	3	6
Niger	2	1	0	1	5	7	2
Sierra Leone	3	1	0	2	6	10	2
Congo	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Gambia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

GROUP 4

03.09.94 Tanzania v Uganda 4-0
04.09.94 Ethiopia v Algeria 0-0
04.09.94 Sudan v Egypt....0-0
14.10.94 Algeria v Sudan 1-1
14.10.94 Egypt v Tanzania....5-1
15.10.94 Uganda v Ethiopia....4-1
11.11.94 Egypt v Ethiopia....5-0
12.11.94 Tanzania v Sudan....2-0
12.11.95 Uganda v Algeria....1-1
06.01.95 Algeria v Egypt
08.01.95 Ethiopia v Tanzania
08.01.95 Sudan v Uganda
22.01.95 Tanzania v Algeria
22.01.95 Uganda v Egypt
23.01.95 Ethiopia v Sudan
07.04.95 Algeria v Ethiopia
07.04.95 Egypt v Sudan
08.04.95 Uganda v Tanzania
22.04.95 Tanzania v Egypt
23.04.95 Ethiopia v Uganda
23.04.95 Sudan v Algeria
02.06.95 Algeria v Uganda
04.06.95 Ethiopia v Egypt
04.06.95 Sudan v Tanzania
14.07.95 Egypt v Algeria
15.07.95 Tanzania v Ethiopia
15.07.95 Uganda v Sudan
28.07.95 Algeria v Tanzania
28.07.95 Egypt v Uganda
30.07.95 Sudan v Ethiopia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Egypt	3	2	1	0	10	1	5
Tanzania	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Algeria	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Uganda	3	1	1	1	5	6	2
Sudan	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Ethiopia	3	0	1	2	1	9	1

GROUP 5

04.09.94 Madagascar v Sth Africa....0-1
Result nullified, Madagascar withdrew
15.10.94 South Africa v Mauritius....1-0
13.11.94 Gabon v Mauritius....3-0
13.11.94 Zambia v South Africa....1-1
20.11.94 Gabon v Zambia....2-1
08.01.95 Mauritius v Zambia
23.01.95 Gabon v South Africa
09.04.95 Zambia v Gabon
23.04.95 Mauritius v South Africa
03.06.95 South Africa v Zambia
04.06.95 Mauritius v Gabon
16.07.95 Zambia v Mauritius
29.07.95 South Africa v Gabon

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gabon	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
South Africa	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Zambia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Mauritius	2	0	1	1	0	4	0

GROUP 6

04.09.94 Angola v Namibia 2-0
04.09.94 Botswana v Guinea 0-1
04.09.94 Mali v Mozambique....2-1
15.10.94 Namibia v Mali....2-1
16.10.94 Guinea v Angola....3-1
16.10.94 Mozambique v Botswana .3-1
30.10.94 Mali v Guinea 2-0
13.11.94 Mali v Angola....0-0
13.11.94 Mozambique v Guinea 2-1
13.11.94 Namibia v Botswana 1-1
08.01.95 Angola v Mozambique
08.01.95 Botswana v Mali
08.01.95 Guinea v Namibia
23.01.95 Botswana v Angola
23.01.95 Mozambique v Namibia
09.04.95 Namibia v Angola
09.04.95 Guinea v Botswana
09.04.95 Mozambique v Mali
23.04.95 Angola v Guinea
23.04.95 Mali v Namibia
23.04.95 Botswana v Mozambique
04.06.95 Angola v Mali
04.06.95 Botswana v Namibia
04.06.95 Guinea v Mozambique
16.07.95 Mali v Botswana
16.07.95 Mozambique v Angola
16.07.95 Namibia v Guinea
30.07.95 Angola v Botswana
30.07.95 Guinea v Mali
30.07.95 Namibia v Mozambique

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mali	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
Mozambique	3	2	0	1	6	4	4
Guinea	4	2	0	2	5	5	4
Angola	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Namibia	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Botswana	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

GROUP 7

04.09.94 Burkina Faso v Morocco ...2-1
13.11.94 Morocco v Ivory Coast....1-0
23.01.95 Ivory Coast v Burkina Faso
09.04.95 Morocco v Burkina Faso
04.06.95 Ivory Coast v Morocco
30.07.95 Burkina Faso v Ivory Coast

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burkina Faso	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Morocco	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Ivory Coast	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

***Note:** updated programme after eight withdrawals.*

Odds on Amunike

NIGERIAN Emmanuel Amunike *(left)* **is widely expected to be crowned 1994 African Footballer of the Year.**

Opposition to Amunike could come from team-mates Sunday Oliseh, now playing in Italy with Reggiana, Eintracht Frankfurt's Austin Okocha and the giant striker Rachidi Yekini, top scorer at the Nations Cup finals.

Zambian captain Kalusha Bwalya, the inspiration behind his team's shock appearance in the Nations Cup finals, is another outside bet.

Despite some good recent performances for Torino, there is little chance of Abedi Pele retaining the trophy he has won for the last three years.

Hollow victory for Pirates

ORLANDO PIRATES are South Africa's new League champions, but there has been little to celebrate in a foul-smelling year.

Pirates finished behind Cape Town Spurs in the League with an inferior goal difference, but won an extra point in a National Soccer League boardroom debacle. The NSL vice-chairman is also Pirates' managing director.

Pirates were given both points from their 1-1 draw with Vaal Professionals in August after Vaal Pros were found guilty of not bringing along their identity cards.

Two protests failed to force the NSL to see the light and Pirates now claim a hollow triumph 19 years after they last won the championship.

● VAAL PROS picked up their first major trophy with a 1-0 triumph over QwaQwa Stars in the Bob Save Super Bowl. They now go into next year's African Cup-winners Cup. Robinson Seakamela scored the only goal of the game in extra time in a tightly-fought encounter at Johannesburg's Soccer City.

● KAIZER CHIEFS, South Africa's best supported club, have appointed two former national team coaches to handle their side next year. Stanley Tshabalala will be the technical direction while Peruvian Augusto Palacios will handle the coaching side. It is Palacios' second spell at the club, while Tshabala is a former player.

● FORMER Zimbabwe international captain Stanley Ndunduma, 33, has died after a car accident in Swaziland. He had recently hung up his boots and was coaching the Swazi club, Eleven Men In Flight.

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WEST AFRICA

CAMEROON

AIGLE NKONGSAMBA are the new champions of Cameroon, finishing four points clear of Colonsport from the northern town of Garoua. Union Douala finished third. This is Aigle Nkongsamba's second title: the first was 23 years ago.

GHANA

TEAMS from Ghana and neighbouring Ivory Coast played two friendly matches in order to convince the Confederation of African Football of their ability to compete in next year's three African club competitions.

Teams from the two west African countries were banned from the 1994 rounds of the African Champions Cup, Cup-winners Cup and the CAF Cup after rioting left more than 20 dead at the end of a match between ASEC Abidjan and Ashanti Kotoko in November 1993.

The two clubs played in Abidjan in an attempt at reconciliation and a 2-2 draw ended with smiles all round.

Ghana's Under-17 team beat their Ivorian counterparts 4-0 in a similar match played in Kumasi.

Now the two countries wait to hear whether they will be allowed back.

Champions Obuasi Goldfields have signed Togolese defender Francis Egbevor, and Bright Obeng, a former international striker, has moved from Ashanti Kotoko to Okwawu United.

SENEGAL

THE national team won one international and lost two on a week-long tour of the Gulf. They beat Oman 1-0 in their opening match in Muscat, but lost 2-1 two days later. In the final game, in Abu Dhabi, they lost 3-2 to the United Arab Emirates.

MALI

STADE MALIEN beat holders AS Nianan de Koulikoro 2-0 to win the Mali Cup for the 12th time. Both goals came in extra time through Mamhamadou Cisse and new international striker Adboulkarim Magassouba. Mali did not organise a league championship this year which means that Stade Malien will go into next year's African Champions Cup and AS Nianan will compete in the Cup-winners Cup.

IVORY COAST

THE champions, ASEC Abidjan, have made two big signings. They bought national captain Serge-Alain Maguy *(below)* **from Atletico Madrid from under the nose of his previous employer, Africa Sports, and up-and-coming Nigerian Aken Osunlande from Stationary Stores.**

NORTH AFRICA

ALGERIA

JS KABYLIE, former African champions, are the leaders after eight rounds of the new championship. They have a two-point lead over a chasing pack including USM EL Harach, CA Batn, USM Blinda and CS Constantine.

EGYPT

DUTCH coach Cor Pot has lost his job at El Masry after they were beaten 3-0 by Al Ahly in a top-of-the-table clash. Al Ahly, coached by former Chelsea player Allan Harris, lead after six rounds of the championship.

Al Ittihad have moved in to second place in the league while defending champions Zamalek are down near the foot of the table, but only because they have been involved in African Champions Cup ties.

MOROCCO

WYDAD CASABLANCA and Second Division Olympic Khouribga will contest this year's Throne Cup Final. Wydad beat Royal Armed Forces 1-0 while Khouribga sensationally thrashed the champions, Kawkab Marrakesh, 3-0.

EAST AFRICA

ETHIOPIA

A 4-1 defeat in Uganda in the African Nations Cup qualifying campaign prompted Ethiopia's authorities to kick out seven players from the national team squad and take away selection powers from coach Kasahun Teka.

He is still in charge of the team but selection is made by a committee of officials. Their first outing was in the following Nations Cup qualifier in Egypt . . . and the 5-0 loss means another clear-out can be expected.

REUNION

ST PIERROISE finished third in the annual Cup competition involving clubs from French island territories. They beat CS Moulien from Guadeloupe in the bronze medal play-off with goals from their Malagasy imports, Tsimba and Hary. The competition was won by Club Franciscian from Martinique, West Indies.

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KENYA

Kenya Breweries capped a season in which they reached the final of the African Cup-winners Cup by winning their first league championship since 1978 and breaking six years of dominance in the League by AFC Leopards and Gor Mahia.

They only lost five of their 40 matches and finished with 61 points, four clear of Gor Mahia, who will contest the CAF Cup, or if Breweries beat Zaire's Motema Pembe in the Cup-winners Cup, move up to the Champions Cup.

UGANDA

SC NAKIVUBO VILLA won the Ugandan league title for the ninth time in 14 years. They beat last season's winners, Express, by one point but Express gained some consolation by winning the Cup.

Kampala City Council, known more popularly as the Mayor's Brazilian Boys because of their yellow shirts, finished third and will complete in next year's CAF Cup.

Arua Young Stars, Uganda Commercial Bank and Entebee Works were all relegated from

MR ALAN HARRIS – APOLOGY

In our September issue, we stated that Mr Allan Harris had been sacked by Egyptian champions, Al Ahly. This was incorrect and Mr Harris remains manager of the team with the club currently top of the League. The item (incorrectly attributed to Azam Mahmood) also incorrectly stated that most of the squad had claimed that they could not adapt to his tactics. We apologise unreservedly to Mr Harris for any embarassment caused.

MLS on hold

The launch of Major League Soccer in the US has been postponed – again. Paul Gardner reports

THE IDEA was to strike while the iron was hot, to exploit the enthusiasm and interest created by the World Cup. If a new pro league could be launched while Americans were still buzzing with excitement over the 1994 tournament, that would surely guarantee success.

As Alan Rothenberg, the man in charge of creating the league, said, it would be like "catching lightning in a bottle". The theory was fine, the reality turned out to be something much less spectacular.

If the league could have been up and running before the World Cup, maybe the fans' attention would have been transferred immediately to the league. But the double task of organising a World Cup and setting up a brand new league was asking too much. The manpower and the money were not there.

That was Delay No 1: The league would have to wait until after the World Cup. That much was obvious by 1992, but it was not until late 1993 that Rothenberg officially admitted that there would have to be a delay.

The new starting date would be April 1995. April because a pro soccer league in this country can only operate in the summer. The bitterly cold weather in the northern half of the country makes it impossible to play outside sports in January and February. Even if it were possible to play, who would come to watch? American fans are used to comfort, and do not take kindly to the idea of sitting around for two hours in sub-zero temperatures.

Also, whenever pro soccer is played, it will be competing with one or another of the established American sports – baseball, gridiron football, basketball, ice hockey. The old North American Soccer League, which operated between 1968 and 1984, made the decision that baseball was the least threatening opponent, and therefore decided to play during the summer.

The reasoning is still sound – indeed, how clever it would have looked had the new pro soccer league been playing now, with the entire baseball season wiped out by a players strike!

The delay until April 1995 was, inevitably, presented as a wise move. The league was given a name, Major League Soccer, MLS, it was given that essential of modern PR, a spiffy logo, and it was pointed out that "over 30 major US cities are expected" to apply as potential playing sites.

The idea was to narrow that total down to 12, the ideal number for the new league. Seven cities were announced in 1993, just before the World Cup began, and we were told that five more would follow.

So we waited for the big announcement, the one that would name those five cities, would tell us the names of the teams, what stadiums they would play in, who the coaches would be, the players, and so on. The longer we waited, the more obvious it became that MLS – despite a string of giddily optimistic pronouncements – was in trouble.

The problem was money. Since 1993, MLS had been living on a $5million loan from projected World Cup profits. But it had to have its own investors. It needed big money – $100million, said Rothenberg. Clearly, it wasn't getting it.

By October it was starkly plain that MLS was not going to make its April 1995 deadline. How could it? With a bare six months to go, there were still only seven cities (not teams), and no investors had been announced – to say nothing of general managers, or coaches, or players.

Delay No 2 was clearly coming up. For the second time in its short, non-functioning history, the MLS would have to make a negative announcement look like a positive one.

Mark Abbott, the MLS Senior Vice President, did his best: "Towards the end of October we were becoming concerned that we couldn't put out in 1995 the kind of product the fans would want. We sat down with investors and decided that it would be better to take our time and do things properly and put it on in 1996. Rather than creating problems, the delay alleviates them. The only problem will be the press saying that the delay has created problems. But that will completely evaporate in 1996 when the league commences play – so it's not one that I'm concerned about."

The official presentation of Delay No 2 as The Best Thing That Could Happen, came at a New York press conference. A cleverly staged affair, with the MLS making use of one of its own stated principles. To wit: at the start of the pro league, the crowds will be modest, so large stadiums should be avoided. Better to turn people away from a 15,000-seater, than have them rattling around in a 60,000-seater. The rattle factor, Rothenberg has called it.

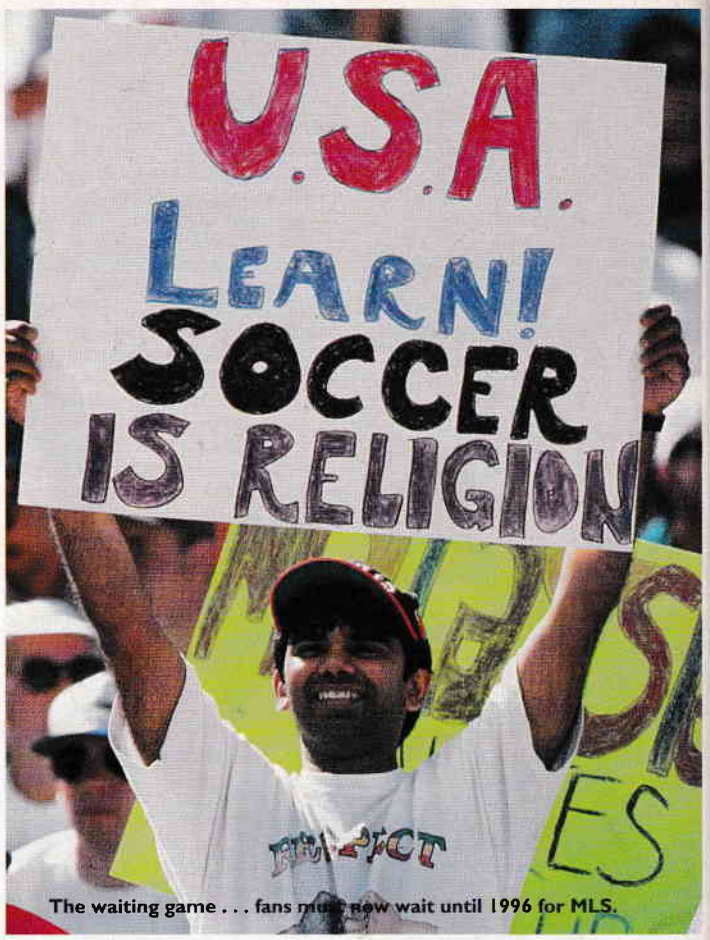
There was no rattle factor at the press conference. A small room had been hired – so that it was jam-packed, with people tripping over each other, television cameramen complaining they couldn't see, people standing at the back, and so on. There were, in fact, only 150 people present, and fewer than a third of those were journalists, but the atmosphere was one of bustle and importance. MLS completed the image by cramming 20 people – heavies from television, investors, members of the 'soccer family', even a couple of players – up on to the platform. It was a valiant attempt at bravado, but it didn't quite come off.

Evidently, this was an audience that was not prepared to accept that Delay No 2 could be disguised as a sign of strength. Rothenberg, always good in front of a microphone, bore his usual confident smile. He started off with a joke – surveying the crowded room, he remarked "Well, I'm glad to see we lost the momentum!"

Not a titter. The joke fell flat, and Rothenberg's face, almost instantaneously, assumed a flat serious look as he announced that the start of MLS play would be delayed one year, until April 1996. "From the beginning," he said, "we've all said that the most important thing is to get it right, rather than do it on any pre-ordained timetable." Which was stretching the limits of PR, because that was not what MLS had been saying. They had been tenaciously sticking to the April 1995 deadline, and pouring scorn on anyone who questioned it. Later, when talking of investor money, Rothenberg again revised history: "We said, from the beginning, that the threshold amount was $50million." Not so – the amount mentioned had been $100million. In June, Rothenberg told me: "The target is $100million – but we can go forward with as little as $50million, or anywhere in between."

Obviously, it had proved impossible to get $100million. Whatever sum has been raised was not revealed, but at least the MLS did produce four, live, investors on the platform. There was Lamar Hunt, the Texas millionaire who was a long-time supporter of the old NASL. There was a group called API Soccer (representing The Sponsorship Group, a British-based company). There was LA Soccer Partners, described as "a group of prominent Los Angeles businessmen and civic-minded people". And there was Stuart Sobotnik, representing John Kluge, who was recently revealed as the third richest man in the US, with a personal fortune of $6.9billion.

A group which is not quite as impressive as it sounds. Both API and LA Soccer Partners can be viewed as 'inside' investors. API controls Soccer USA Partners, the marketing arm of the United States Soccer Federation – whose President happens to be Alan



The waiting game . . . fans must now wait until 1996 for MLS.

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Rothenberg. While LA Soccer Partners is headed by Marc Rapaport, who is a friend of Rothenberg's.

Lamar Hunt, with his history of soccer involvement, was always a likely investor – though it needs pointing out that nobody else who was involved in the NASL has come forward to support MLS.

John Kluge is the MLS star, a big-time investor. But the MLS had to change its rules to get him. The original plan, "from the beginning" as Rothenberg likes to say, was that investors would simply hand their money over and watch the league's central office spend it as they deemed fit. That was part of the 'single entity' plan, designed primarily to ensure that the league could control player salaries.

But the single entity idea has had to be substantially modified. It failed to attract investors, who wanted to make sure that they had much closer control over where their money went. So a new category of 'owner-operator' investors was created. Actually there was nothing new about it at all – it was simply the traditional way that American businessmen had always been involved in sports.

John Kluge is an owner-operator. His group will own and operate the New Jersey club in the MLS – the club that is scheduled to play in Giants Stadium, which used to be the home of the New York Cosmos. API also comes in as an owner-operator, of the Washington DC club.

The four investors announced by MLS are clearly not enough. Rothenberg was vague about further investment, but mentioned that "a group of companies in Japan" would be involved, but that their names could not be revealed until next year. Mark Abbott refused to be drawn on whether this would be a 'major' investment, saying that "all of our investors are important".

Rumours of heavy Japanese investment were there "from the beginning" of the MLS, only to fade away. The reappearance of the Japanese can only help improve MLS credibility – especially as, with the success of the J.League, they now have the reputation of being people who know what they're doing when it comes to launching a new soccer league.

The Delay No 2 announcement also included a sub-delay in getting the number of cities up to the announced 12. A case of two steps forward, one step back. One of the original seven – New York – dropped out because no suitable stadium could be found. Only two new cities were added, Tampa and Chicago. A total of eight.

So, four more to go? No. In another reduction of its stated aims, MLS now says that it can play with 10 cities.

'For all the talk of interested cities and stadiums that can be adapted for soccer, MLS has yet to assume any sort of soccer reality'

This is how Mark Abbott sees the MLS in 1996: "Ten will be the minimum number of teams, we know we're going to start with 10, we'll evaluate going to 12. We will have a play-off system that will result in a single championship game – that will probably be a weekend long event, like the [gridiron] Super Bowl. We're working at ways, as did the old NASL, to use standings and points awarded for goals to encourage teams to try to win and score as many goals as they can. Probably we will use some form of tie-breaker.

"As to rule changes, the aim will be to make the game as offense-oriented and entertaining as possible, while making sure we don't fundamentally bury the game. This past season we've been co-operating with the United States Interregional Soccer League (USISL) while they tried out various changes. The raw data from the USISL experiments has been assembled, but it hasn't been interpreted yet.

"There will be restrictions on the number of foreign players per team – probably the limit will be four or five. As for coaches, we do have an interest in developing American coaches, as we do American players, but there will be no numerical guidelines for coaches.

"Reserve teams? Well, we clearly see the need to have developmental relationships of some sort. That could mean reserve teams. Or it could work like major league baseball where each club has a relationship with a number of minor league teams which it financially supports. Or it could work at the league level – the model would be the National Basketball Association, which has an overall relationship with the minor league Continental Basketball Association."

A key aspect of the single-entity approach that is still, apparently, in existence, is the idea that each club will have to stick to the same budget figure for its player salaries. The figure announced was $1.3million per season, per club.

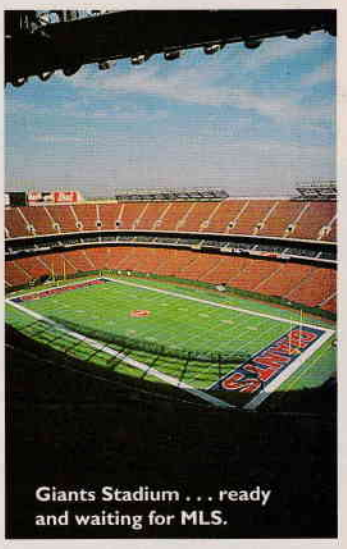
That works out, for a roster of 18 players, at an average of $72,000 each. Which is hardly princely by American standards (the average for basketball players is in the millions) – and anyway, leaves no room for large payments to star players (just one of those would surely swallow up the entire budget).

The problem, it is rumoured, will be worked around by having sponsors pick up part, or all, of the salary of high-priced imports – or 'marquee players' as they are known here (the marquee, in American parlance, being the awning over a theatre entrance where all the star names blaze forth in lights). Abbott cautiously endorses that idea: "Players will look at the pool of compensation available in this country, including commercial opportunities. America being the large commercial market that it is, there will be opportunities available here that they may not have in their current situation."

For the moment, the MLS remains very much on the drawing board. For all the business talk of investors and capitalisation and owner-operators, for all the talk of interested cities and stadiums that can be adapted for soccer, the MLS has yet to assume any sort of soccer reality.

That can only be changed by the appearance of teams, not cities, and of coaches and players to replace the lawyers and investors who have been dominating the scene so far.

Don't worry, says Abbott, change is on the way: "We're going to bring people in who are soccer experts. Success derives from the quality of the product we put on the field, there's no question in our minds about that, but we must make sure we organise a league that makes sense from a business perspective. Over the next couple of months we hope that this goes into the background – and soccer people will come to the fore."



Giants Stadium . . . ready and waiting for MLS.

EL SALVADOR

After 13 games:

1) FAS, Luis Angel Firpo 20; 3) Aguila 17; 4) Tiburones 15; 5) Atletico Marte 14; 6) ADET, El Roble 12; 8) Limeno, Alianza 8; 10) Cojutepeque 6.

GUATEMALA

AFTER NINE matches of the new First Division season, usual favourites Municipal and Comunicaciones have jumped far ahead of the field.

Municipal's 1-0 win over Comunicaciones put them two points clear.

Honduran Milton Nunez, who showed much promise in the Guatemalan Cup, is leading scorer with eight goals for Comunicaciones.

On the other hand, Municipal have found strength in defence, conceding only two goals.

Aurora, the only other team with enough talent to challenge the leaders, have been hampered by inconsistency. Edwin Westphal, who scored 21 goals last year, has only three so far.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Municipal	9	7	2	0	13	2	16
Comunicaciones	9	7	0	2	23	8	14
Aurora	9	3	3	3	11	12	9
Sacachispas	9	2	5	2	10	11	9
Xelaju	9	3	3	3	10	11	9
Suchitepequez	9	4	0	5	12	15	8
Coban Imperial	9	2	4	3	15	19	8
Izabal JC	9	2	4	3	9	16	8
Escuintla	9	1	5	3	12	12	7
Mictlan	9	2	3	4	14	16	7
Chiquimulilla	9	2	3	4	9	12	7
Amatitlan	9	1	4	4	12	16	6

CANADA

THE 1996 OLYMPIC qualifying tournament for CONCACAF nations will be staged in Canada. The winner will go through to the Games to be staged in Atlanta, and the runners-up will play the Oceania winner home and away to decide the second competitor.

"The Canadian Soccer Association is delighted with this development – we have been working on this project for the past two years," said director general Kevan Pipe. "The opportunity to host the series will enhance the image of soccer in Canada."

The event will be an eight-day six-team round-robin championship, with all matches in one city. The Canadian Soccer Association are now analysing potential sites and hope to make a final decision by early February.

The tournament is tentatively scheduled to take place in May 1996, and 17 CONCACAF nations have entered. The United States, as the hosts, automatically advance to Atlanta. Canada, as hosts of the final qualifying round, have a bye to the final round.

The preliminary round schedule for the remaining teams is as follows:

Central America
Pre-preliminary round: Belize v Guatemala.
Preliminary round: Mexico v Panama, Costa Rica v Bermuda, El Salvador v Belize or Guatemala.
Caribbean Region
Preliminary Round
Group One (in Jamaica): Jamaica, Antigua, Cayman Islands, St Lucia.
Group Two (T & T): Trinidad & Tobago, Guyana, Surinam, St Vincent & Grenadines.
CONCACAF Final Round
(Six-team round robin): May, 1996 in Canada

SCOTT GLEBA

MEXICO

CAMEROON'S Francois Oman-Biyik is the leading scorer in the First Division and Necaxa are the only unbeaten team with a quarter of the championship gone. Oman-Biyik has scored 11 goals and Carlos Hermosillo of Cruz Azul 10.

There has been a commotion over the contracts of several foreign players which, it has been alleged, figure in club accounts at far higher rates than are actually paid, allowing clubs to save money on tax returns.

Toros Neza have signed another foreigner as coach – Chilean Carlos Reinoso.

ERIC WEIL

Saudis clean up

Saudi Arabia lifted the Gulf Cup while rivals Kuwait banned nine players for 'going shopping'! Jeremy Walker reports

SAUDI ARABIA won the Gulf Cup for the first time – thanks partly to rivals Kuwait, who suspended NINE players from their last match.

The United Arab Emirates were one point behind the Saudis going into the final games of the tournament, but their hopes of making up the leeway disappeared with the Kuwaiti decision – imposed by the management because the players had left the team headquarters in order, it was claimed, to go shopping!

All nine were banned for three months for "ignoring instructions from officials", although one of the players, Nasr al-Sowhi, complained: "They should have given us a day off, like the other teams had, but they let us have only three hours."

So al-Sowhi and the others travelled from their base in Abu Dhabi to Dubai, about 62 miles, and stayed the night there.

Kuwait already were without skipper Al Habashi, who had suffered a broken leg. The remaining first-choice players, plus the reserves, lost 2-0 to Saudi Arabia, and although UAE beat Oman by the same score, the host nation finished one point below the Saudis.

Fahd El-Mehallel and Fuad Anwar Amin scored for the Saudis, who were playing their first competitive games since the World Cup.

The Saudis just about deserved their success, winning four games and dropping only one point, against UAE, although they rarely found much rhythm.

Mohamed Al-Karashi's Saudi team barely resembled the team coached by Jorge Solari that surprised so many people at USA '94. They opened their campaign with a hard-fought 2-1 win over bottom-placed Oman. They were held 1-1 by the UAE hosts, but went on to beat Bahrain 3-1, thanks to three blunders by 39-year-old goalkeeper Hmoud Sultan, before overcoming holders Qatar 2-1 and Kuwait 2-0.

Fuad Anwar Amin was the competitions's top scorer with four goals.

UAE, as hosts, drew huge crowds – up to 70,000 – to the 14-day round-robin tournament, but a 0-0 draw with Bahrain proved costly.

Kuwait were seeking their eighth victory in 12 editions of the Gulf Cup, which is staged every two years, but they took only three points from their five games.

About 7,000 Saudi fans travelled to Abu Dhabi for the final match, on excursions sponsored by the Royal family.

JEREMY WALKER

Saudi hit-man . . . top scorer Faud Anwar Amin.

GULF CUP ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champions	Runners-up	Venue
1970	Kuwait	Bahrain	Bahrain
1972	Kuwait	S. Arabia	S. Arabia
1974	Kuwait	S. Arabia	Kuwait
1976	Kuwait	Iraq	Qatar
1979	Iraq	Kuwait	Iraq
1982	Kuwait	Bahrain	UAE
1984	Iraq	Qatar	Oman
1986	Kuwait	UAE	Bahrain
1988	Iraq	UA	S. Arabia
1990	Kuwait	Qatar	Kuwait
1992	Qatar	Bahrain	Qatar
1994	S. Arabia	UAE	UAE

Arabian delight . . . Saudi supporters celebrate victory.

1994 GULF CUP

UAE 2 (Adnan Talyani 11, Mohammed Ali 18 pen)
QATAR 0

BAHRAIN 2 (Hamid Darwish 24, Fayadh Mahmoud 65)
KUWAIT 1 (Obaid Al Shemmari 87)

OMAN 1 (Tayib Abdul Noor 55)
SAUDI ARABIA 2 (Faud Anwar Amin 14, 63)

UAE 1 (Abdul Rahman Haddad 51)
SAUDI ARABIA 1 (Sami Al Jabar 25)

BAHRAIN 1 (Fayadh Mahmoud 4 pen)
OMAN 1 (Saif Al Habsi 8)

KUWAIT 1 (Ali Marwi Al Hadiyah 70)
QATAR 0

OMAN 2 (Ahmed Ali 33, Tayib Abdul Noor 50 pen)
QATAR 4 (Mahmoud Soufi 38, 45, Juma Salim 76, Adel Khamis 86)

UAE 2 (Ismail Rashid 58, Adnan Talyani 85)
KUWAIT 0

BAHRAIN 1 (Mubarek Khamis 77)
SAUDI ARABIA 3 (Abdul Razaq Abbas og 53, Saeed Owairan 56, Khalid Moosad 64 pen)

QATAR 1 (Mahmoud Soufi 2
SAUDI ARABIA 2 (Ahmed Jamil 33, Fuad Anwar Amin 61)

UAE 0
BAHRAIN 0

BAHRAIN 1 (Hamid Darwish 28)
QATAR 1 (Mahmoud Soufi 68)

KUWAIT 0
SAUDI ARABIA 2 (Mohallel 35, Fuad Anwar Amin 81)

UAE 2 (Mohammed Ali 8, 70)
OMAN 0

12TH GULF CUP FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saudi Arabia	5	4	1	0	10	4	9
UAE	5	3	2	0	7	1	8
Bahrain	5	1	3	1	5	6	5
Qatar	5	1	1	3	6	8	3
Kuwait	5	1	1	3	2	6	3
Oman	5	0	2	3	4	9	2

ASIAN CHAMPIONS CUP

LEBANESE CHAMPIONS Al Ansar sensationally knocked the favourites, Al Shabab of Saudi Arabia, out of the Champions Cup second round.

Al Shabab took an expected 3-0 home lead in Riyadh; 1994 World Cup strikers Fahd Al-Mehallel and Saeed Al-Owairan scored after the interval and Blade Koma of Ghana sealed their victory midway through the second half.

Al Shabab made the trip to Beirut without their five international players, and were severely punished, going down 3-0 to goals from Mori Ibrahim of Nigeria and Lebanon internationals Mohamed Messelmani and Fadi Alloush. After extra-time ended goalless the home side secured their quarter-final place 5-4 on penalties.

Qatari champions, Al Arabi, fought their way to the quarter-finals after ousting Merbat SC of Oman in the second round.

Brazilian Marco Antonio scored a hat-trick and international striker Saleh Al-Mulla netted another two, to give their side an unbeatable 5-0 first leg lead; Merbat SC held them 4-4 in the return leg in Salala city.

Al Arabi, who knocked out Qazma of Kuwait in the first round, will host the West Asian quarter-final group of four clubs. The top two sides progress to the semi-finals.

The remaining opponents are: Al Ansar, Al Wasl of the United Arab Emirates and Neftchi, the Cup's clear favourites,from Uzbekistan, recent Asian Games winners.

MOHAMED CHBARO

ASIAN FOOTBALL

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CHINA

DALIAN won the inaugural Chinese National Football League, finishing six points clear of Guanzhou in the 12-team First Division.

The League – the first fully professional tournament on the mainland – was launched in April and is part of the Chinese FA's 10-year plan to make the soccer-crazy country a force in world football.

The early results of professionalism could be seen when China reached the Asian Games final for the first time last October and it is hoped standards will rise dramatically over the next couple of seasons.

Dalian, a seaport city in the north-east province of Liaoning, won the championship with a week to spare and completed their fixtures with a 3-2 victory away to Sichuan, in front of 40,000 fans.

Two goals from Sun Minghui and a third from Wei Yimin gave the visitors a 3-0 lead inside 30 minutes before Sichuan closed the gap with goals from Yang Zhe and He Bin.

But Dalian, inspired by national team skipper and sweeper Xu Hong, held on for their 14th win in 22 outings. Liaoning, champions in the previous six seasons, had to settle for fourth place.

CHINA NFL — *FINAL TABLE*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dalian	22	14	5	3	43	21	33
Guangzhou	22	11	5	6	36	27	27
Shanghai	22	10	6	6	36	36	26
Liaoning	22	11	3	8	47	36	25
Shandong	22	10	4	8	22	22	24
Sichuan	22	8	7	7	31	24	23
Guangdong	22	8	7	7	28	21	23
Beijing	22	7	8	7	42	34	22
Army	22	6	9	7	15	19	21
Jilin	22	6	7	9	25	31	19
Shenyang	22	1	9	12	16	39	11
Jiangsu	22	1	8	13	13	44	10

LEADING SCORERS

1 ..... Hu Zhijun (Guangzhou) 16
2 ..... Zhuang Yi (Liaoning) 12
3 ..... Wang Tao Jnr (Dalian) 11
Xie Feng (Beijing) 11
5 ..... Li Bing (Liaoning) 10
Vladimir Nakhratov (Shanghai) 10

JEREMY WALKER

INDIA

MOHUN BAGAN are Indian champions for the 23rd time. A 2-0 win over Railway FC in their final match proved enough for Mohun Bagan to finish ahead of East Bengal – just.

Both clubs won 14 and drew four of their 18 games, with Mohun Bagan having a scoring record of 35-4 to East Bengal's 43-7. Most competitions are decided by goals scored if points are equal, but the Indian Super Division title is decided on goals conceded.

This curious method, which can encourage defence rather than attack, meant that East Bengal had to be content with second place.

Mohun Bagan's first goal in the decisive match was scored by Gautam Ghosh in the first half, and with 19 minutes to go Jo Paul Ancheri made certain with a second.

Five people were taken to hospital during the game after part of a wooden gallery caved in, and several others needed treatment at the scene.

Ancheri was named Player of the Tournament in the earlier Qatar Independence Cup, although India finished only fourth, and was rewarded with a week's free holiday anywhere in the Arab world, all expenses paid.

East Bengal's Baichung Bhutia was the Super Division's top scorer with 12 goals, to Ancheri's 11.

Mohun Bagan celebrated their success by winning the Governor's Gold Cup in Gangtok, Sikkim. They came from two down to beat Sail 3-2, with Ancheri scoring a hat-trick, then beat Peerless 2-0 and Army by the same score.

INDIA SUPER DIVISION — *FINAL TABLE*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mohun Bagan	18	14	4	0	35	4	46
East Bengal Club	18	14	4	0	43	7	46
Mohammedan SC	18	7	4	7	19	24	25
Peerless SC	18	5	5	8	15	17	20
Tollygunj Agragami	18	5	4	9	10	17	19
Eastern Railway	18	4	6	8	8	17	18
Railway FC	18	4	6	8	11	20	18
George Telegraph	18	4	6	8	12	28	18
Calcutta Port Trust	18	3	7	8	6	16	16
Bhratri Sangha	18	1	12	5	4	13	15

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SAUDI ARABIA

AL ANSAR, Lebanese League and Cup champions, won the first Lebanese-Arab Invitational Tournament.

They did so by a curious route, winning only one of their four matches inside 90 minutes.

They lost their first qualifying game to Zamalek of Egypt, the reigning African club champions, and were then held to a draw by the Syrian Under-19 selection.

Even so, this proved to be just enough to put them into the semi-finals, where they beat the Qatar national side with a goal by David Nakid, their Trinidadian international.

The other finalists, Al Ismaili from Egypt, drew with Qatar and beat Nejmeh of Lebanon before edging out Zamalek on penalties.

The final also involved a shoot-out after 120 goalless minutes; Al Ansar scraped through 6-5.

Crowds flocked to the new Nasser International Stadium in the Begaa Valley for the tournament, and the 25,000-capacity arena was full for nearly every game.

GROUP 1

Al Ansar 1 Zamalek 2; Zamalek 3 Syria U-19 1; Al Ansar 0 Syria U-19 0.

GROUP 2

Qatar 1 Al Asmaili 1; Qatar 5 Nejmeh 1; Al Ismaili 1 Nejmeh 0.

SEMI-FINALS

Al Ismaili 2 Zamalek 2 (Al Ismaili 5-4 on pens); Al Ansar 1 Qatar 0.

FINAL

Al Ansar 0 Al Ismaili 0 (Al Ansar 6-5 on pens).

● THE SECOND King Fahd Intercontinental Cup will be played in Riyadh from January 3-13. Saudi Arabia, the host country, will be joined by five others representing the five continents. Argentina (winners in the first tournament two years ago) will play in one group with Nigeria and the Saudis, and Denmark, Mexico and Japan will comprise the other group.

QATAR

AL ARABI are champions for the fifth time, one point ahead of Al Rayyan. They won 10 and drew four of their 16 games.

OSAMA SADEK

SOUTH KOREA

THE TITLE looks destined for Ilhwa Chonma. Sin Tae-young's early goal brought a 1-0 win over Jeon-Buk Buffaloes, and put Ilhwa three points clear with a match in hand.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ilhwa Chonma	29	15	9	5	41	27	54
Yukong	30	14	9	7	47	31	51
Posco Atoms	30	13	11	6	49	37	50
Hyundai	30	11	13	6	38	30	46
Lucky-Goldstar	29	11	7	11	50	49	40
Daewoo Royals	30	7	6	17	37	56	27
Jeon-Buk	30	3	5	22	30	62	14

● SOUTH KOREA have formally submitted their bid to Stage the 2002 World Cup. They are expected to face stiff competition from Japan.

PHILIPPINES

PASAY CITY took the early honours when the first National Philippines League kicked off at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila. Pasay, one of 10 teams in the new-look semi-professional League, beat reigning champions Davao City, 4-1. Man of the match was Jesurel Tonog. He scored two goals, including a spectacular solo effort in which he dribbled past three defenders and the keeper.

RESULTS

Makati 1 Manila 0; Davao City 1 Pasay City 4; Iligan 1 Iloilo 0; Cebu 0 Quezon 3.

HONG KONG

FORMER Bristol Rovers striker Paul Nixon celebrated his return to Hong Kong club Eastern, after a year on the sidelines, by scoring the only goal against arch-rivals South China.

Nixon, who had been kept out by a recurring thigh injury, was on hand to score from close range and secure a 1-0 victory.The match was played at the new Hong Kong Stadium and attracted over 23,000 fans.

Eastern and South China lead on 10 points; Eastern have a game in hand.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastern	4	3	1	0	7	1	10
South China	5	3	1	1	9	5	10
Sing Tao	4	3	0	1	6	3	9
Golden	5	3	0	2	6	4	9
Frankwell	5	2	1	2	6	7	7
Instant-Dict	4	1	2	1	7	6	5
Rangers	4	1	2	1	3	4	5
Happy Valley	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Kui Tan	5	1	0	4	4	10	3
Kitchee	5	0	0	5	5	13	0

JAPAN

JAPAN won their first championship at regional age group level when they beat hosts Qatar 1-0 in the Asian Under-16 final in Doha. Japanese captain Kotaro Yamazaki scored after five minutes of sudden-death extra time.

JEREMY WALKER

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

AL WAHDA comprehensively beat last season's holders, Al Wasl, 3-0, to bring the FA Cup back to Abu Dhabi.

21-year-old striker, Said Khamis scored twice midway through the second half, to secure the first ever FA Cup trophy win in Al Wahda's history; midfielder Ali Mubarak had given his side an early lead in the 10th minute.

JORDAN

LOCAL GIANTS Al Faysali and Al Ramtha met for the second time in three months to contest the 1994/95 Super Cup. The competition was won once again by reigning champions Al Faysali; international forward Jeries Tadros claimed the all-important goal, 20 minutes after the interval.

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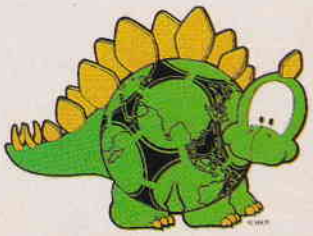

Takeda back in triumph

NOBUHIRO TAKEDA was the hero as Verdy won the J.League's Nicos Series for the second year running.

With Bellmare going down 3-1 in Kashima, Takeda's two goals against Urawa Red Diamonds put the title beyond doubt with a game to spare. Takeda was also top Japanese scorer of the season with 23 goals. German Frank Ordenewitz of JEF United Ichihara was top overall, with 30.

For Takeda, it was a joyous end to a difficult period. He struggled to regain his form after Kazuyoshi Miura left for Genoa, was dropped to the bench for several crucial matches, and then injured his knee. But injury to new signing Bentinho, who scored at a rate of a goal a game in the early part of the series, enabled Takeda to re-establish his place in the team. If either Verdy or Antlers had lost on the decisive night, the title would have gone to the direct showdown between Verdy and Bellmare in Hiratsuka on the final day.

Bellmare won that match 2-1 but Verdy, already assured of top place, fielded an under-strength side.

Verdy's victory underlined their strength in depth and tactical versatility. Injuries and strategic considerations caused them to change their line-up in all of the last 15 games, yet the results kept coming.

The team were unanimous in praising the work of 44-year-old Brazilian head coach Nelsinho, who joined Verdy at the start of the second stage, via Corinthians, Palmeiras, Guarani and Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia.

Top dog . . . Verdy boss Yasutaro Matsuki.

"We have seen a different Verdy from the past," said manager Yasutaro Matsuki after the 2-1 win against Urawa. "We now have a more comprehensive attack. Last year our defence was very tight. Now we are moving towards goal systematically."

Injuries to senior players enabled several youngsters to make their mark, including a tall 20-year-old midfielder-cum-striker, Keiji Ishizuka, but mention has to be made of the steady work of 34-year-old Brazilian Pereira from Guarani in central defence.

He missed only one match all season and did more than anyone to keep the team stable despite all of the changes.

Bellmare's brave challenge fizzled out when Antlers swept to a 3-0 first-half lead. In the end, nervousness and lack of flexibility counted against them.

Verdy Kawasaki still have plenty to worry about. They enter the J.League Suntory Championship having suffered three consecutive League defeats to Sanfrecce Hiroshima.

All those changes of formation did Verdy no good in a 1-0 defeat, when Sanfrecce marked Bismarck out of the game and constantly threatened on the wings.

The J.League, having missed the ideal showdown for the Nicos Series, has every chance of a showpiece championship.

Possibly remembering Zico's spitting and sending off at last season's championship, Sanfrecce manager Stuart Baxter places his emphasis on sustaining the right image for the game.

He says: "We'll do our best, but I hope that Japanese football wins, that the championship games are played in a good spirit with players who don't show a bad attitude, complain to referees and make a bad spectacle.

"I hope that the people who watch the final will see a good advertisement for the Japanese game."

Verdy hero . . . top scorer Takeda.

● SIGGI HELD of Dynamo Dresden has been confirmed as the manager of Gamba Osaka for next season.

● THE latest face in the stands watching Grampus play was that of Arsene Wenger, who recently left Monaco.

● LEAGUE new-boys Kashiwa Reysol are reported to be signing Sao Paulo striker Muller in a deal worth £1.9million.

MIKE PLASTOW

RESULTS

J.LEAGUE — SECOND STAGE *(NICOS SERIES)*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

VERDY KAWASAKI 5 (Ishikawa 7, Ramos 16, Bentinho 34, Kitazawa 51, 74).
SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Djalminha 4).
Att: 51,166.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 1 (Nakashima 27)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 1 (Yonekura 83). **Att:** 9,885.
Urawa won 4-3 on pens

KASHIMA ANTLERS 0
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 1 (Goto 86).
Att: 15,106.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 0
GAMBA OSAKA 2 (Yamaguchi 30, 82).
Att: 12,241.

JUBILO IWATA 1 (Fujita 88)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 2 (Diaz 76, Bisconti 82). **Att:** 14,564.

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 4 (Betinho 38 pen, 64, Noguchi 58, Watanabe 78)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 1 (Cerny 89).
Att: 15,094.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 1 (Maslovar 6)
VERDY KAWASAKI 3 (Takeda 40, Bismarck 75, Kitazawa 84). **Att:** 14,975.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 1 (Maeda 88)
JUBILO IWATA 3 (Fujita 37, Schillaci 65, Matsubara 86). **Att:** 14,472.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 0
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 4 (Betinho 50 pen, Nishiyama 51, Noguchi 64, Almir 79).
Att: 23,899.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 2 (Cerny 43, Takagi 72)
KASHIMA ANTLERS 4 (Hasegawa 3, Kurosaki 66, Alcindo 73, 80). **Att:** 30,621.

GAMBA OSAKA 4 (Kitamura 1, Matsunami 70, Flavio 75, Tsveiba 89)
URAWA REDS 1 (Buchward 80). **Att:** 18,318.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Hasegawa 11)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 3 (Diaz 7, 63, Medina Bello 15). **Att:** 48,157.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

KASHIMA ANTLERS 3 (Masuda 38, 89, Hasegawa 53)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 3 (Moriyama 36, Yonekura 66, Ogura 86). **Att:** 15,608.
Antlers won 5-4 on pens

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 3 (Diaz 20, Medina Bello 68, Omura 89)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 2 (Ejiri 5, Ordenewitz 13). **Att:** 48,677.

VERDY KAWASAKI 0
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 1 (Hasek 16).
Att: 15,554.

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 3 (Noguchi 30, Betinho 54, 86)
GAMBA OSAKA 0. **Att:** 15,122

JUBILO IWATA 2 (Schillaci 46, 57)
SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Toninho 86).
Att: 15,377.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 3 (Bein 4, 16, Okano 83)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 1 (Aldrovani 6).
Att: 9,901.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

KASHIMA ANTLERS 1 (Akita 89)
GAMBA OSAKA 2 (Morioka 16, Isogai 87).
Att: 15,603.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 1 (Pavel 5)
SHIMIZU S PULSE 0. **Att:** 14,331.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 3 (Natsuka og 13, Valber 59, Aldrovani 87)

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 0. **Att:** 13,890.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 2 (Luhovy 30, Hirose 80)
JUBILO IWATA 0. **Att:** 23,195.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 2 (Cerny 21, 53)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 1 (Jinno 5).
Att: 17,105.

VERDY KAWASAKI 2 (Ramos 77, Fujyoshi 93)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 1 (Moriyama 67). **Att:** 15,547.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9

SHIMIZU S PULSE 2 (Djalminha 80, Hasegawa 62)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 1 (Cerny 41).
Att: 19,002.

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 2 (Betinho 57, Almir 87)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 0. **Att:** 15,013.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 1 (Ogura 49),
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 6 (Zapata 18, Miura 33, 70, 81, Diaz 53 pen, 68). **Att:** 23,072.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 0
KASHIMA ANTLERS 2 (Naito 73, Hasegawa 83). **Att:** 13,269.

GAMBA OSAKA 1 (Yamaguchi 39)
VERDY KAWASAKI 3 (Bismarck 67 pen, Ishizuka 80, Takeda 88). **Att:** 19,778.

JUBILO IWATA 1 (Vanenburg 44 pen)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 0. **Att:** 15,357.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 1 (Narashi 36)
JUBILO IWATA 0. **Att:** 15,604.

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 0
GAMBA OSAKA 1 (Matsuyama 113).
Att: 12,821.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 2 (Hirose 18, 25)
KASHIMA ANTLERS 4 (Masuda 22, Kurosaki 63, Alcindo 84, 89). **Att:** 9,962.

VERDY KAWASAKI 2 (Bismarck 20, Fujiyoshi 74)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 0. **Att:** 15,533.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 1 (Takagi 93)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 0. **Att:** 11,765.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 0
SHIMIZU S PULSE 2 (Hasegawa 22, Sawanobroi 89). **Att:** 23,774.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16

KASHIMA ANTLERS 3 (Masuda 6, Hasegawa 35, Alcindo 41)
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 1 (Edson 83).
Att: 15,457.

VERDY KAWASAKI 2 (Takeda 30, 42)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 1 (Rummenigge 87). **Att:** 52,480.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Iwashita 64)
GAMBA OSAKA 0. **Att:** 17,090.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 0
JUBILO IWATA 0. **Att:** 8,523
Sanfrecce won 7-6 on pens

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 2 (Bisconti 37, 81)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 0. **Att:** 13,102.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 2 (Ordenewitz 70, Jo 75)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 0. **Att:** 14,106.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 2 (Edson 21, Bentinho 65)
VERDY KAWASAKI 1 (Fujiyoshi 25).
Att: 15,621.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 1 (Moriyama 100)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 0. **Att:** 21,506.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 0
SHIMIZU S PULSE 2 (Toninho 10, Sawanobori 63). **Att:** 13,714.

GAMBA OSAKA 1 (Yamamura 89)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 2 (Ordenewitz 44, Miyazawa 48). **Att:** 18,417.

JUBILO IWATA 3 (Koga 4, Katsuya 73, Masanori Suzuki 82)
KASHIMA ANTLERS 2 (Alcindo 62, Hasegawa 67). **Att:** 15,346.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 3 (Rummenigge 18, Taguchi 81, Yamada 84)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 6 (Zapata 40, Bisconti 45, 62, Jinno 55, Miura 68, Omura 73).
Att: 22,838.

J.LEAGUE NICOS SERIES – *FINAL TABLE*

	P	W	L	F	A
Verdy Kawasaki	22	17	5	48	26
Bellmare Hiratsuka	22	16	6	48	26
Yokohama Marinos	22	14	8	44	26
Sanfrecce Hiroshima	22	12	10	27	31
Kashima Antlers	22	11	11	44	36
Shimizu S Pulse	22	11	11	28	31
Jubilo Iwata	22	11	11	29	37
Yokohama Flugels	22	9	13	31	33
JEF United Ichihara	22	9	13	35	41
Gamba Osaka	22	8	14	29	36
Urawa Red Diamonds	22	8	14	33	51
Nagoya Grampus Eight	22	6	16	33	54

TOP SCORERS – *FIRST & SECOND STAGES*

1 .....Frank **ORDENEWITZ** (JEF) 30
2 .....**ALCINDO** (Antlers) 28
3 .....**BETINHO** (Bellmare).....24
4 .....Nobuhiro **TAKEDA** (Verdy) 23
Ramo **DIAZ** (Marinos.....23
6 .....**TONINHO** (Shimizu) 22

Milne bows out

GORDON MILNE leaves his job at the helm of Nagoya Grampus Eight at the end of December. The past year has not been a successful one for either Milne or Grampus, but he did have the opportunity to experience the J.League at first hand and observe its strengths and weaknesses. The fledgling League is now two seasons old and about to embark on the third. Here Milne shares his thoughts with *WORLD SOCCER*'s Mike Plastow on where the League is now, and where it might be going.

ABOUT THE INTEREST

"There is tremendous interest. I don't know a lot about the young girls that are going and all that side of it, but I think with the kids there is tremendous interest there and an enthusiasm for it. When we get the chance to travel and there are green areas, you see them being coached. Obviously the thing has taken off. It has caught on. It looks healthy. But whether the product will remain as successful if the standard doesn't improve is open to debate. The marketing and the presentation of it and the interest are there, and 2002 is an obvious goal for them. It would appear that in that short-term period, they will stoke it up and keep it going along the right progressive lines."

ABOUT THE FANS

"The atmosphere here in, you can say, the birth of professional football, in its infancy, is excellent for getting the thing off the floor. It is great for families. There are lots of kids, no violence, no animosity and no real criticism of the teams, and I think for four or five years that is going to be nice. The price you pay for that is that the standard of football isn't the same and the knowledge of the game isn't the same, and the passion of the thing isn't the same. But I think without any doubt, this is lovely for here and it is absolutely right, and it makes the game that much different."

ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

"There are many people involved. There is the club, and then there are the big backers who provide, I would imagine, substantial amounts of money to make things work. Now, they do invest heavily on trying to do the right things. There is no question at all about that. But there is a lack of experience. Everyone wants a say, a little piece of the action. The thing with Japan at the moment is everything is so new, and they have put big money into it, and I am concerned about going from one mess to another – not a big mess, but really not a direction. I don't mean this disrespectfully, but I think there needs to be reasonableness. But I do understand the problems of big sponsors and maybe half a dozen sponsors – you have got half a dozen headaches if things are not going well. Here in Japan, the way it is structured, there is no middle of the road. It is win or lose. Sometimes you play better when you lose than when you win. It is not a guide to the team, not for the future."

ABOUT THE NEED FOR MORE PATIENCE

"The bit I knew about Japan and the Japanese mentality was that in their disciplined and organised way, they were experienced at being patient and developing something. Now, with a league side, or a league, there are things to nurture, and they need time. The thing that surprised me was that there was a lack of understanding of that, or patience. They have a tendency, like instant coffee, but football is not about instant coffee. You know, if you have got a blend of the most expensive players, you can't just stir it up and it happens. In the creation of big business empires, they have taken time and gone about it systematically. They haven't injected that in to the development of football."

Moving on . . . Gordon Milne.

ABOUT THE HYPE

"The majority of people who are putting the money in have limited knowledge of the game itself, or of the product. It has taken off beyond anybody's expectations, and really I think it has run amok. It is a little bit like the Klondike. It might have to step back a little bit at some stage."

ABOUT THE STANDARD OF THE GAME

"In the most, there is an enthusiasm and a willingness to try to play the thing correctly. It is probably the mentality that needs improving – what is expected of the players and how they have to live. I think that they don't know, and they don't understand, the level of what they have got to try and achieve. They think that they are doing OK, but hang on, there are another 10 notches to go before you are even getting close. And again, I think that this is understandable, in as much as there is no level in a League which is so new. Kazu, I think, has been a good example for young boys. What you would like to see, in maybe four or five years time, is more of their own coming through, and not so much the foreign players. He has had a good year's education in Europe, and he is an intelligent boy, so if someone gets hold of him and works him, he could become the right guy to promote for the right reasons."

ABOUT THE FOREIGN STARS

"I think there is a cross-section. We have got a lad, Jorginho, who has been a model really in terms of trying to do things in the correct way. For somebody like him, who has been a class player and is now coming to the end, it obviously gets harder to do. I think Ramon Diaz has done a great job. Maybe Pierre Littbarski has struggled a bit, but I think he was a good example and tried to do the right thing. Zico did a fine job. Alcindo, I like him, I think he can play. They are scattered about. There is the little lad, Noh Jung-yoon, at Sanfrecce. It is nice that everyone has one or two. They want to try and keep it that way. What is happening in the UK is that the big clubs are monopolising all of the best ones. But it would be nice in the J.League if we can keep is so that everybody's got three or four really good players."

Milne man . . . Grampus Eight's Takafumi Ogura.

Two-stage system stays

PLANS to scrap the J.League's two-stage system in favour of a single-stage championship had to be abandoned after strong opposition from clubs.

The idea arose because next season's expansion to 14 clubs will mean a 52-game season under the current system, in which all clubs play each other four times.

Many believe that the clubs already play too much football, blocking not only development at home but also improvement of the national team.

But the new idea of playing three times each – home, away and on a neutral ground – drew opposition from clubs unwilling to lose revenue from home games.

Next year's first stage will run from March 18 to mid-July, and the second stage from mid-August to late November or early December. Fixture congestion is already taking its toll in the Asian competitions.

Yokohama Flugels had to field their reserve team in the Asian Cup-winners Cup against Instant Dict in Hong Kong, and Verdy had to use reserves in the East Asian semi-final group for the Asian Club Championship, which coincided with the end of the Nicos Series and the start of the J.League Suntory Championship.

Spare a thought for the international players, who at this rate may never get another off-season break.

After the Emperor's Cup Final on January 1, the national team go straight to Saudi Arabia for the Intercontinental Cup, followed by the Dynasty Cup in February, the Kirin Cup in May and an invitation tournament in England in June. And more games are scheduled for the autumn!

MIKE PLASTOW

AUSTRALIA

Playing away

WHILE THE DOMESTIC game experiences financial difficulties, Australian players continue to grow in stature abroad. More than 80 Australian players are now contracted to professional teams around the world, the Australian Soccer Federation has said.

The ASF listed a total of 87 Australian-born players competing abroad. The Federation listed 24 professionals playing in English leagues, including Mark Bosnich of Aston Villa, Robbie Slater (Blackburn) and Tony Dorigo (Leeds).

Internationals Frank Farina and Zlatko Arambasic are playing in France, while Marc Schwarzer and Ned Zelic play across the border in Germany. Seven Australians are making their mark in Belgium.

Back home, Australia's generally optimistic soccer fraternity were reminded of just how fragile their domestic structure really is when Newcastle Breakers withdrew from the national league eight days before the 1994-95 programme began.

Huge debts brought about the demise of Breakers, the third Newcastle club forced to leave the league. Several other clubs are reported to be in severe financial difficulties.

No replacement has been invited to take over from Breakers, and there will be a bye in each round of the season.

The club previously known as Brunswick United Juventus are now Melbourne Zebras, because of the Australian Soccer Federation's long-running campaign to purge 'ethnic' appellations.

This enforced change has annoyed fans, almost exclusively of Italian descent and the Adelaide City club. They had to adopt their current title upon becoming an original league member in 1977, but retained the colours and nickname of Juventus.

The Socceroos completed a three-game trip to Asia without defeat despite being unable to field any of their European-based professionals.

Malaysia's Olympic combination were beaten 3-0 in Kuala Lumpur, with Alastair Edwards, who has been playing in the Malaysian Premier League for the past few years, scoring twice. New cap Paul Kovavich grabbed the other.

Goalless draws were then recorded against Kuwait and Japan.

No Australian team has lost an Oceania competition since 1980 and there was never any real likelihood of one failing to win the region's latest Under-20 tournament in Fiji.

The Joeys defeated Tahiti 5-0, Solomon Islands 5-0, Fiji 7-0 and Vanuatu 11-0, then beat New Zealand 1-0 in the final.

PAUL MOON

Over here . . . Villa keeper Mark Bosnich.

Wizard from Oz . . . Blackburn's Robbie Slater.

NEW ZEALAND

YET AGAIN New Zealand soccer left itself open to ridicule when the supposed showpiece, the Winfield Superclub Championship Grand Final, was held up for 75 minutes.

The fact that Napier City Rovers flew to Auckland on match day rather than travel earlier and stay overnight is a sad reflection on the haphazard state of the game.

For 87 minutes of the 'Grand' Final, spectators in Auckland and those watching live television could have been forgiven for wishing Napier's plane had been delayed indefinitely. They saw some truly dreadful fare.

Then North Shore United's Harry Ngata produced a perfectly weighted cross, and Steve Nickson headed in.

That spurred Napier, the defending champions, into overdue but frenzied action, and United captain Tony Jasper deflected a Billy Harris header past his own goalkeeper to take the match into extra time.

Another lull followed the storm. Not until four minutes from the end of the additional period was the dreary deadlock broken, and again, Ngata sparked the game into life.

Ngata, formerly with Hull City, was upended by Perry Cotton, and Nickson converted the penalty.

A minute later, Ngata once more stretched the defence with his pace before chipping over another cross to Nickson. He headed into Mark Elrick's path, and he clinched victory for United, New Zealand's oldest club.

The annual awards evening was dominated by Waitakere City of west Auckland. They provided the Player of the Year (Darren McClennan), Coach of the Year (Keith Pritchett), Players' Player (Neil Woodhams) and Young Player (Ivan Vicelich).

Vicelich was the season's most influential figure, for Waitakere's only losses occurred while he was in Fiji on international youth team duty.

City went 31 matches without defeat (including victory in the Chatham Cup Final), before Napier City Rovers overcame them in the Superclub Championship play-off first round. A week later, North Shore ended their interest.

WINFIELD SUPERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP NATIONAL PHASE — *FINAL TABLE*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Waitakere City	7	5	2	0	12	4	17
Napier City Rovers	7	5	1	1	21	10	16
North Shore Utd	7	4	2	1	24	11	14
Roslyn-Wakari	7	4	1	2	11	10	13
Wellington Olympic	7	3	2	2	20	13	11
Miramar Rangers	7	2	0	5	8	16	6
Christchurch Tech	7	1	0	6	5	17	3
Central	7	0	0	7	2	22	0

PLAY OFF RESULTS

North Shore United 2 Roslyn-Wakari 0; Waitakere City 2 Napier City Rovers 3; Waitakere City 0 North Shore United 3; Napier City Rovers 1 North Shore United 3.

FIJI

THE RIFT dividing Fijian soccer widened further when rival concerns staged their own overlapping versions of the country's most prestigious tournament, the Inter Districts Championship.

The FA held what can be termed the official event in Suva, while the rebels organised a similar competition at the headquarters of the Ba District, home of the League champions and spearhead of the breakaway.

The public were totally confused by developments and the early stages of both tournaments drew sparse crowds. As the home teams progressed, however, attendances grew appreciably and 10,000 (15 per cent of the capital's population) saw the hosts face Labasa in what history will record as the legitimate IDC final.

Most left the National Stadium disappointed, as Labasa won 1-0 through a Solomone Seruratu goal in extra time.

Meanwhile, at Govind Park, a smaller but happier crowd saw Ba defeat Tavua 2-0.

The majority of local associations, all the qualified referees, most players and, inevitably, FIFA support the established body, and the rebel cause appears to be lost.

Ironically, Ba's League title was gained through two favourable decisions by the FFA. First, closest rivals Labasa had a win over lowly Navua reversed for fielding an ineligible player, and then Ba were awarded victory by default when Suva, also a contender at the time, failed to turn up for a scheduled fixture, having believed reports that Ba would be boycotting future League engagements.

There has long been animosity between the feuding organisations, and internal politics are the real reason for the unhappy developments.

FIJI

1994 FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ba	18	11	5	2	35	12	38
Labasa	18	11	2	5	42	23	35
Suba	18	9	6	3	28	18	33
Tavua	18	6	6	6	21	17	24
Rewa	17	7	2	8	20	28	23
Nadi	18	6	4	8	24	26	22
Nadroga	18	5	5	8	31	28	20
Navua	18	3	6	9	11	27	15
Nasinu	18	3	6	9	15	35	15
Lautoka	17	2	8	7	16	29	14

● *Lautokav v Rewa not played.*

SOLOMON ISLANDS

ECONOMIC and logistical reasons mean that Solomon Islands Football Federation selections consist solely of Honiara-based players.

Yet most top performers come from outer island Malaita – 20 of the 23-strong current senior international squad were born there.

So the Malaita Cup is of great significance, and was won this year by West Kwara'ae, who beat West Are Are 3-1.

PAUL MOON

FOOTBALL COACHES AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Europe welcomes AFCAT!

WHILE English clubs were battling for European glory, AFCAT achieved a magnificent Euro milestone in their brief history.

The Union Europaischer Fussball Trainers (UEFT) – the UEFA-backed European Union of Football Coaches – welcomed AFCAT as its 31st national member.

Mr Lothar Meurer, the General Secretary of UEFT, speaking at their 15th international symposium at Oporto in Portugal, said he was "very happy and proud that the Association of Football Coaches and Teachers of England, is now a member of UEFT and will co-operate with the big team of coaches in the European football scheme".

AFCAT representatives in Oporto, England coach Don Howe and committee member Graham Morgan were surprised that AFCAT gained immediate membership as the Association is only entering its second year.

Lothar Meurer (UEFT General Secretary) said: "Our Executive Committee has decided with all votes that the English Association of Football Coaches & Teachers, becomes full members of UEFT effective October 20, 1994. We appreciate very much your membership."

Don Howe commented: "This is a significant step forward for AFCAT's future in terms of sharing ideas with our continental friends. We are joining something that the continentals have been able to benefit from for some time. For some reason, England has not been a part of this organisation that can only help with the development of coaching."

Graham Morgan of adidas, who also acts as coaching co-ordinator, replied: "I feel particularly pleased for Rob Littleford, the AFCAT Administrator. Rob has worked very hard behind the scenes to help build the membership towards 1500 members and the UEFT recognition is a direct reward for his contribution.

"The next stage is for AFCAT to increase its membership, attract further sponsorship and establish a professional administration team. Rob is currently fitting in his duties on a part-time basis, but as AFCAT grows he will need to become full time.

"Special mention must also be made of the suggestion by Allen Wade, former FA Director of Coaching, to contact UEFT in the first place."

Over 200 UEFT symposium delegates from all over the world listened to the presenters and much healthy discussion took place after and in between the presentations.

The membership of AFCAT was warmly welcomed by everyone and the overview of opinion was best explained by Joe McGrath, the Director of Coaching for Ireland.

Joe said: "This is a tremendous boost for English football. We in Ireland were accepted by UEFT four years ago and we have benefited a great deal from attending symposium events held by UEFT.

"We have learned a great deal from viewing how coaching and training methods vary in Germany, Holland and Sweden for example. The Irish Coaches Association will work closely together with the English AFCAT – in fact, we are booking 100 places in advance for their convention in June!"

Former England coach Bobby Robson, now working in Portugal as coach of Porto, was delighted to see his old friend Don Howe being associated with AFCAT. He said: "Sometimes we in England are too direct. I have learned that if we can't get there in two passes, then we may need to take three or four. Patience and cleverness are part of the game over here."

Bobby's team had just beaten Ferencvaros 6-0 at home in the European Cup-winners Cup and it is ironic that some of our best coaches are appreciated more abroad.

Roy Hodgson, another Englishman abroad, gave an excellent presentation on the "basic principles for effective teamwork" and all delegates were busy taking notes throughout his talk. Roy's presentation was littered with famous and sometimes anonymous quotations and it was easy to appreciate how he has achieved success in Sweden at club level and in Switzerland at national and international levels. In particular two quotes stood out: "A good coach provides" from Dave Sexton and, more humorously, "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts".

In summary, Graham Morgan of adidas commented: "For too long English coaching has regarded itself above learning from other countries and it is time that we opened our minds to ideas, knowledge and experience from abroad.

"Every coach who attended the symposium would have been impressed with the simplicity of the excellent presentation by Carlos Alberto Parreira. His explanation of the philosophy, preparation and management of Brazil's 1994 World Cup was full of valuable lessons.

"We were very lucky to have in the same room some of the very best of England's coaches to show they can inspire the same level of admiration in the eyes of our continental colleagues – notably Bobby Robson, Roy Hodgson and Don Howe."

Should readers wish to discuss more about the presentations given in Opoto they will feature in the next issue of *Catalyst*, the English AFCAT magazine – available free of charge to all members of AFCAT.

THE UEFT XV symposium studied World Cup USA '94 and its presenters included some of the world's top coaches:

Andy Roxburgh	Technical Director, UEFA.
Jack Charlton	National Coach, Ireland.
Walter Gagg	Head of Technical Department, FIFA.
Bob Gansler	USA Director of Coaching and National Coach, USA.
Dimitar Penev	National Coach, Bulgaria.
Roy Hodgson	National Coach, Switzerland.
Carlos Alberto Parreira	Former National Coach Brazil, World Champions.
Anghel Iordonescu	National Coach, Romania.
Javier Clemente	National Coach, Spain.
Bobby Robson	Former National Coach, England; now Coach at Porto.
Craig Brown	National Coach, Scotland.

KOOLPAK WINNERS

Congratulations to our 10 prize-winners of the Koolpak Competition featured in the September issue. They each receive a box of 10 Koolpaks. The winners were: **Michael Ross, Aberdeen. David Rogers, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, Bill Thackray, Addington, Croydon. P. Duck, Pyrford, Surrey, Rob Ellis, Harrow, Essex. A.E. Maloney, Middlesbrough, Cleveland. G. Morgan, Bangor, Co Down. Y.J. Matloub, Thornhill, Cardiff. Paul Bassett, Crewe. Chris Ward, Sheffield.**

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Diary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

ARGENTINA: Diego Maradona is cleared by FIFA to coach Deportivo Mandiyu. He says: "I want to thank FIFA for letting me on the field again. The player they have buried a long time ago but, as coach, I feel great."
BRAZIL: The CBF scraps, on appeal, a 30-day ban imposed on Vasco da Gama forward William for failing to provide a dope test sample after a game against Guarani in Campinas. The CBF also scraps a five-point penalty imposed on Vasco for fielding him in their next game in defiance of the ban.
ETHIOPIA: The federation disbands the national squad because of a long run of poor results, announcing that a new squad will be selected by a technical committee instead of a chief coach.
GERMANY: Top coaches give a luke-warm reception to FIFA's decision to impose three points for a win from next season. Jupp Heynckes, of Eintracht Frankfurt, says: "The games games won't get any better."
HOLLAND: PSV Eindhoven dismiss coach Aad de Mos after defeats by Ajax and Willem II.
UNITED STATES: Atlanta Olympic organisers appoint Doug Arnot, executive vice-president of USA '94, as director of venues for the 1996 Games.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

ACTION: Esperance Sportif of Tunisia beat Mouloudia Oran of Algeria 3-1 in an African Champion Cup semi-final first leg . . . Bayern Munich are held 2-2 at home by Stuttgart, their fifth successive game without a win . . . PSV Eindhoven mark the first match after Aad de Mos' dismissal by thrashing Groningen 5-0 under veteran caretaker Kees Rijvers . . . Zaragoza go top after beating Real Madrid 3-2; Barcelona are held 1-1 at Real Sociedad.
ITALY: Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi says he believes the team's current problems are only temporary. He says: "The age of some of the top players is catching up on Milan. We are also paying the price of an incredible series of injuries and post-World Cup fatigue."

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

ACTION: Mali beat Guinea 2-0 in an African Nations qualifier in Bamako . . . heavy rain forces the postponement of four games in Holland but Feyenoord take advantage to thrash Volendam 5-2 and move to third in the table . . . Parma beat Roma 1-0 to stay top in Italy; Milan slip to 11th after losing 1-0 to Juventus.
BRAZIL: Six men are sent off and riot police have to separate brawling players when a 2-2 draw between Palmeiras and Sao Paulo explodes in violence.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

ITALY: Bottom club Reggiana sack coach Giuseppe Marchioro, after their seventh defeat in eight league games. Marchioro is replaced by Enzo Ferrari.
SPAIN: Pacho Maturana quits as coach of struggling Atletico Madrid in the wake of the 2-0 home defeat by Betis. He is the 16th managerial departure in the seven-year presidential reign of Jesus Gil.
SWITZERLAND: UEFA's Gerhard Aigner defends the Champions League format against accusations of producing boring matches. He says: "This gurantees that the income reaches many countries. Milan can make money because it has the backing of its own TV station. But what about Anderlecht or IFK Gothenburg. We do it like Robin Hood: We don't steal anything but give it to the poor." . . . UEFA criticises as retrograde and confusing FIFA's acceptance of the inclusion of three over-age players in the 1996 Olympic finals.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

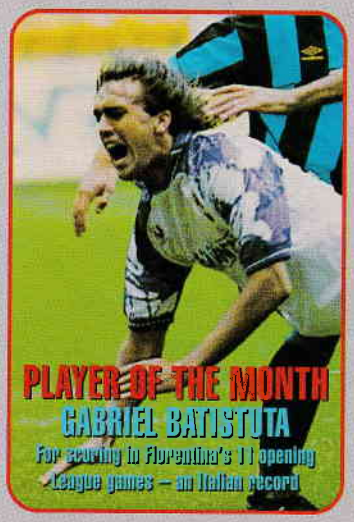
ACTION: In the UEFA Cup a last-minute goal by Alen Boksic takes Lazio past Trelleborgs while Real Madrid beat Moscow Dynamo 4-0 and the last two English contenders, Newcastle and Aston Villa, fall to Bilbao and Trabzonspor respectively.
ARGENTINA: AFA president Julio Grondona says they will study the possibility of bidding to host the 2006 World Cup.
ENGLAND: Tottenham dismiss Argentinian Osvaldo Ardiles as coach . . . the FA says that the latest television attack on the business dealings of Terry Venables will not affect his position as England coach.
GERMANY: Bottom club Duisburg dismiss trainer Ewald Lienen and replace him with Hannes Bongartz, formerly at Wattenscheid.
GREECE: Howard Kendall quits Xanthi to return home for 'family reasons'.
ITALY: Roberto Baggio is reported ready to sign a two-year contract extension with Juventus.
JAPAN: Gary Lineker's playing career may be over after doctors say he will need a month to recover from a rib injury . . . Matsushita Gamba announce that Siggi Held, currently coach to Germany's Dynamo Dresden, will take over their J.League team next spring.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

ACTION: The fourth matchday of the Champions League sees Barcelona take Manchester United apart to the tune of 4-0.
BULGARIA: Nasko Sirakov, captain of Levski, is suspended by the club after accusing president Tomas Lafchis of reneging on a gentlemen's agreement to give him extra money.
FRANCE: Bordeaux dismiss defender Laurent Croci in the wake of their UEFA Cup elimination. Croci is accused of having complained to the media about his non-selection and for criticising the methods of coach Toni . . . Eric Cantona's younger brother Joel signs for former European champions Marseille.
HOLLAND: Feyenoord officials publish an open letter to the club's fans ahead of their Cup-winners Cup return leg away to Werder Bremen, warning they will tolerate no trouble.
ITALY: Padova sign Dutch midfielder Michel Kreek, 23, for £850,000 from Ajax Amsterdam . . . Newcastle deny reports that they failed in a £3.6 million bid to bring Paul Gascoigne home from Lazio.
PORTUGAL: The 18 top division clubs threaten to go on strike in protest at government demands that clubs pay up the estimated several millions of pounds owed by clubs in back taxes.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

ACTION: Henrik Larsson scores a hat-trick as Feyenoord knock Werder Breemen out of the UEFA Cup but German police arrest more than 400 Dutch fans in angry clashes outside the stadium . . . Argentinian clubs Boca Juniors and Independiente draw 1-1 in the first leg of the South American Supercup final.
AZERBAIJAN: UEFA decide that Azerbaijan should play their home matches in the European championship in Trabzon, Turkey, because of domestic security problems.
BRAZIL: Palmeiras striker Edmundo is banned for four matches plus 30 days for his part in Sunday's pitched battle.
FRANCE: Monaco's Belgian midfielder Enzo Scifo, who resumed playing last week after a series of injuries, is out of action again and will probably have to undergo an ankle operation . . . Marseille civic authorities threaten to sue the club for non-payment of 400,000 in outstanding stadium hire fees.



GERMANY: Bayer Leverkusen veteran Bernd Schuster says he is still ready and willing to undertake a national team return at the age of 35 . . . state-owned television stations ARD and ZDF say they will bid to regain the rights to show Bundesliga action when the current agreement with ISPR and cable/satellite channel SAT1 expires in 1997.
MALAYSIA: The problem of over-age players who break the rules and take part in under-19 and under-16 tournaments will be addressed by the use of dental X-rays, says Asian Confederation general secretary Peter Velappan.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

ACTION: Esperance Sportive of Tunisia draw 2-2 with MC Oran of Algeria to reach the African Champions Cup final 5-3 on aggregate.
AUSTRIA: Striker Harald Cerny is recalled to the Austrian squad in place of Adi Huetter for the European Championship qualifier against Portugal in Lisbon.

CHILE: Bolivia's World Cup coach Xavier Azkargorta is tipped as Chile's national boss in succession to homeward-bound Mirko Jozic.
ENGLAND: The Serious Fraud Office says it has decided not to investigate the business affairs of England coach Terry Venables.
FRANCE: French league officials say they will resist pressure from UEFA to cut the top division from 20 to 18 clubs.
GERMANY: Bayern Munich, chasing a striker, decide against a bid to bring Roland Wohlfarth back from French club Saint-Etienne.
SWITZERLAND: UEFA decides that Milan should receive their Champions League cash bonus for beating Salzburg irrespective of the fact that they were stripped of the two points because of crowd trouble.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

ACTION: Nantes beat Metz 3-1 to go eight points clear in France . . . Real Madrid turn on the first-half fireworks in Spain to defeat neighbours Atletico 4-2, with all the goals coming in the first half.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

ACTION: In the African club competitions, Esperance (Tunisia) qualify to meet Zamalek (Egypt) in the Champions Cup final, Kenya Breweries and Motema Pembe of Zaire win their semi-finals in the Cup-winners Cup and Bendel Insurance (Nigeria) and Primiero Maio (Angola) reach the CAF Cup Final . . . second-half goals from Steffen Freund and Andy Moller bring Borussia Dortmund a 2-0 victory over pursuers Werder Bremen and allow them to extend their lead at the top of the German championship to three points . . . Ajax Amsterdam crush Willem II Tilburg 4-1 to go top of the Dutch first division on goal difference from Roda JC Kerkrade . . . Italian league leaders Parma maintain their two-point advantage after a second-half goal from midfielder Massimo Crippa earns them a 1-1 draw away to champions Milan . . . Moscow teams complete a sweep of top three places as the Russian championship ends. Lokomotiv Moscow hold champions Spartak Moscow to a 1-1 home draw to secure third place. Dynamo Moscow, already assured the runners-up spot, draw 1-1 at Tekstilshchik Kamyshin . . . Coruna beat Real Sociedad 3-1 at home to go back to the top in Spain.
GERMANY: Jurgen Gelsdorf quits as coach to struggling Bochum.
ITALY: Fiorentina defender Stefano Pioli suffers a suspected heart attack and stops breathing after a collision with Bari's Igor Protti. Fiorentina team doctor Marcello Manzuoli revives him with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation before being taken to hospital for tests and observation.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

DENMARK: Uncapped Southampton striker Ronnie Ekelund is included in a 16-man Denmark squad for the European championship qualifier away to Spain.
ENGLAND: Terry Venables springs a surprise by naming Blackburn's Chris Sutton only for the under-21s against Ireland and not for the senior squad against Nigeria.
GERMANY: Berti Vogts plays down the prospects of a recall for Bernd Schuster, saying: "I'm delighted Schuster would like to play for Germany again. But I can't just use him for one or two matches. I wouldn't be doing him a favour. And when all the players are fit, I have Matthias Sammer, Andreas Moller and Thomas Hassler for that position."
GREECE: A goal by defender Yiannis Kalintzakis provides Panathinaikos with a 1-0 win over champions AEK.

ITALY: Paul Gascoigne is set a spring comeback target after further surgery on his injured right leg in London. Surgeon John Browett warns him not to attempt to rush his return, saying: "It will be important for him to rehabilitate carefully. If all goes well he should be able to play again in the spring of 1995". . . . Roberto Baggio, who missed Italy's last two matches through injury, is included in the 18-man squad against Croatia in Palermo. Squad: Pagliuca, Rossi; Apolloni, Costacurta, Favalli, Maldini, Panucci, Negro; Albertini, D Baggio, Conte, Di Matteo, Donadoni; R Baggio, Casiraghi, Lombardo, Rambaudi, Zola

PORTUGAL: Antonio Folha returns for Portugal's European qualifier against Austria.

ROMANIA: Ioan Vladoiu, sent home from the World Cup in disgrace, is forgiven and named in the Romanian squad for the European qualifier against Slovakia. Coach Anghel Iordanescu says: "His disciplinary record is irrelevant, what matters is his ability to score."

SPAIN: Spanish coach Javier Clemente called up two Latin Americans for the European qualifier against Denmark – Brazilian-born Donato Gama da Silva of La Coruna and Argentinian Juan Antonio Pizzi of Tenerife.

ZIMBABWE: Bruce Grobbelaar and Peter Ndlovu are recalled for Sunday's African Nations qualifier against Zaire.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

ACTION: A League of Ireland XI beat IFK Gothenburg 1-0 in Dublin . . . . Barcelona's reserves lose 3-1 in a friendly against Blackburn in Almeria.

ENGLAND: Bruce Grobbelaar, the Zimbabwe, Southampton and former Liverpool goalkeeper, cancels a flight to Zimbabwe amid increasing speculation over betting and bribery allegations being published by *The Sun* newspaper.

ITALY: Ruud Gullit, according to newspaper reports, may be poised for an imminent return to Sampdoria in exchange for Alessandro Melli.

GERMANY: Former Eintracht Frankfurt coach Klaus Toppmoeller takes over as coach of struggling Bochum . . . Eintracht Frankfurt forward Anthony Yeboah faces a possible 10-match ban after being picked up by TV pictures kicking out at Werder Bremen's Michael Schulz in a league match on October 29.

FRANCE: Jean-Pierre Bernes, disgraced former Marseille general manager, says he is ready to reveal details of other match-fixing cases which took place before the notorious match against Valenciennes.

HOLLAND: PSV midfielder Jan Wouters will be out of action for three months after an operation on his right knee which he injured in training.

SLOVAKIA: National coach Jozef Vengios includes five players from champions Slovan Bratislava for the European Championship qualifier in Romania.

FRANCE: Aime Jacquet recalls Monaco's Eric Di Meco and Youri Djorkaeff for next week's visit to Poland in the European Championship qualifiers.

SCOTLAND: Uncapped strikers John Spencer of Chelsea and Hibernian's Darren Jackson are called up by Scotland manager Craig Brown for the European Championship qualifier against Russia.

SWEDEN: Tommy Svensson considers lining up three strikers in Sweden's European Championship line-against Hungary – Kennet Andersson, Martin Dahlin and Henrik Larsson.

SWITZERLAND: League leaders Grasshopper Zurich's experienced midfielder Thomas Bickel returns after injury to the Swiss squad to play against Iceland.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

ACTION: The United Arab Emirates beat Kuwait 2-0 to take over the leadership of the Gulf Cup . . . Independiente beat Boca Juniors in the second leg of the South American Supercup final to win 2-1 on aggregate.

ITALY: Milan agree to allow Dutch forward Ruud Gullit to transfer back to Sampdoria in an one-year exchange deal for Alessandro Melli. Milan general manager Ariedo Braida says: "He wants to go, so he's going." Gullit has scored just three goals for Milan since returning in the summer . . . veteran Portuguese striker Rui Aguas joins struggling Reggiana from Lisbon club Estrela Amadora . . . Leeds United step up their interest in Inter's Ruben Sosa . . . Roberto Baggio says he may auction the Golden Ball, awarded him as Europe's top soccer player up for auction to raise money for flood victims in Italy.

SOUTH KOREA: South Korea formally submits to FIFA its bid to stage the 2002 World Cup finals.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

BELGIUM: League top marksman Gilles De Bilde, scorer of 10 goals in 11 games for Aalst, is named in Belgium's squad for the European qualifier against Macedonia.

ENGLAND: Goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar denies allegations that he took bribes to fix games and issues a libel writ against *The Sun* newspaper . . . Leeds agree terms of a £3million deal to sign Internazionale's Uruguayan striker, Ruben Sosa . . . Ron Atkinson is fired as manager of Aston Villa, the third Premier League boss to lose his job in 10 days.

GERMANY: Ex-Bayern coach Udo Lattek says his old club have no right to consider themselves in a transitional season after making all their big-name signings this past summer.

GREECE: Olympiakos agree that unsettled Nigerian striker Raschidi Yekini can negotiate a transfer.

HOLLAND: Ajax striker Patrick Kluivert, 18, is called into the Dutch squad for the first time.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

ACTION: Egypt beat Ethiopia 5-0 in the African Nations qualifiers.

BULGARIA: Manager Dimitar Penev included six players from champions Levski in his squad for next week's European qualifier against Moldova.

ENGLAND: Queen Park Rangers finally accept the resignation of manager Gerry Francis.

GERMANY: Eintracht Frankfurt's Anthony Yeboah is cleared of charges of intentionally kicking at Werder Bremen's Michael Schulz. The incident was missed by the referee but captured by TV. However disciplinary chairman Karl Schuberth says star players may be victimised because they are subjected to special camera attention.

GREECE: US World Cup defender Marcelo Balboa starts a trial with Olympiakos Piraeus . . . Giorgos Vardinoyannis, president of Panathinaikos, rejects a British newspaper report that Liverpool's Mark Lawrenson was offered a £25,000 bribe before the 1985 Champions Cup tie between the clubs.

RUSSIA: The federation appeals for FIFA help in forcing four German clubs to release key players (Karlsruhe's Sergei Kiryakov, Bayer Uerdingen's Sergei Gorlukovich, Dresden goalkeeper Stanislav Cherchesov and Duisburg midfielder Igor Shalimov) in time for the start of preparations for the European Championship qualifier against Scotland.

SWITZERLAND: FIFA clear Bruce Grobbelaar to play for Zimbabwe on Sunday.

X-WORD

LAST MONTH'S WINNER:
SALLY ROBERTS, OF BRISTOL.

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION
Across: 7 Otero, 8 Osaka, 9 Toronto, 10 Edu, 11 Roma, 13 Seno, 17 Bia, 18 Brincat, 20 China, 21 Ljung.
Down: 1 Mostar, 2 Herr, 3 Worns, 4 Popov, 5 Radebe, 6 Kanu, 12 Moacir, 14 Ortega, 15 Oblak, 16 Milla, 1 Boca, 19 Cruz.

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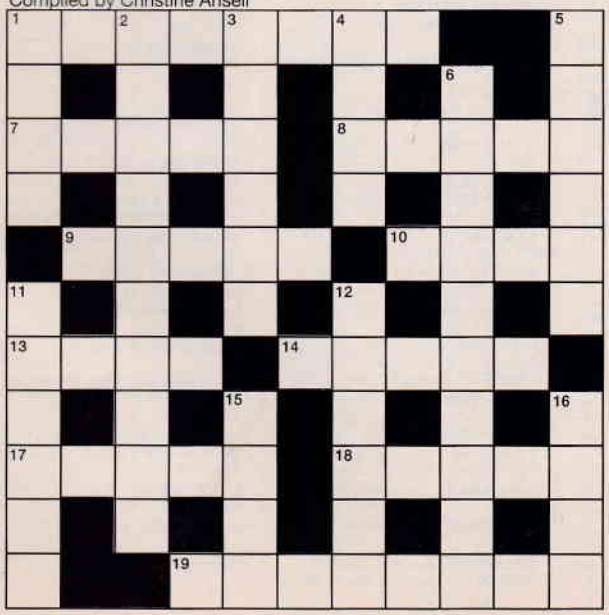

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ACROSS
1 .....J.League's Yamazaki Nabisco Cup winners, 1992-94 (8)
7 .....Most-capped Dane who joined Koln as boss (5)
8 .....Axel, fiery ex-Rostock forward shuttled between Stuttgart and Frankfurt (5)
9 .....Spanish club from El Molinon (5)
10 .....Veteran German forward in Dortmund's '93 UEFA Cup final side (4)
13 .....Romanian star sometimes appearing for Barcelona (4)
14 .....1989 Republic of Ireland champions from the North (5)
17 .....Club nickname associated with Fiorentina (5)
18 .....Rui ...., Portugal midfielder transferred from Benfica to Fiorentina (5)
19 .....Inter's ex-Sampdoria goalkeeper (8)

DOWN
1 .....Former Dutch skipper in charge of Egypt's Olympic side (4)
2 .....Site of the '94 World Cup RFK Stadium (10)
3 .....Brazil's World Club champions, '62 and '63 (6)
4 .....Pavel, former forward of Czechoslovakia and Slavia Prague (4)
5 .....German striker who returned from Lazio to Dortmund (6)
6 .....Ex-Steaua Romanian at White Hart Lane (10)
11 .....America FC 'keeper – Campos's understudy at USA '94 (6)
12 .....Strasbourg custodian recruited from Slovan Bratislava (6)
15 .....Goalkeeper of Paris St Germain and France (4)
16 .....Portugal 'keeper, Vitor (4)

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RESULTS

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EUROPE

AUSTRIA

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

MIDWEEK

AUSTRIAN CUP — 3RD ROUND

FAVORITNER 1 ADMIRA 0
GERASDORF 0 AUSTRIA WIEN 4
DEUTSCHKREUTZ 0 RAPID 4
PARNDORF 0 VORWARTS 3
HARD 0 LINZER ASK
WORGL 1 FC LINZ 0
SALZBURG 3 FC TIROL 2

WEEKEND

FC LINZ 1 (Stumpf 74)
AUSTRIA SALZBURG 1 (Konrad 90). **Att:** 15,000.

VfB MODLING 1 (Brauneder 66)
LINZER ASK 2 (Hochmaier 41, Sabitzer 46). **Att:** 300.

FC TIROL 5 (Cerny 4, 42, Sane 32, Baur 77, Janeschitz 90)
STURM GRAZ 0. **Att:** 9,000.

VORWARTS 1 (Westerthaler 8)
RAPID WIEN 2 (Purk 71, Slivovski 78). **Att:** 7,000.

AUSTRIA WIEN 5 (Flogel 10, Narbekovas 12, Mjelde 30, Knaller og 35, Sekerlioglu 57)
ADMIRA WACKER 0. **Att:** 3,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WEEKEND

ADMIRA WACKER 4 (Mayrleb 6, Schiener 21, Panis 25, Litovchenko 69)
VORTWARTS STEYR 2 (Westerthaler 17, 86). **Att:** 10,000.

AUSTRIA SALZBURG 1 (Lainer 47)
AUSTRIA WIEN 0. **Att:** 15,000.

LINZER ASK 1 (Stromberger 82)
FC TIROL 1 (Danek 8). **Att:** 12,000.

RAPID WIEN 2 (Purk 42, Pivarnik 57)
VfB MODLING 1 (Heiling 84). **Att:** 5,000.

STURM GRAZ 2 (Vastic 20, Wetl 67)
FC LINZ 2 (Waldhor 63, Linimair 70). **Att:** 4,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WEEKEND

LINZER ASK 3 (Sabitzer 30, Metlitsky 83, Gurinovic 84)
STURM GRAZ 0. **Att:** 5,000.

VfB MODING 2 (Aberle 45, Berdusco 50)
ADMIRA 1 (Mayrleb 45). **Att:** 1,000.

FC TIROL 2 (Sane 30, Janeschitz 76)
RAPID WIEN 3 (Purk 5, 10, Mandreko 32). **Att:** 10,000.

VORWARTS STEYR 0
SALZBURG 0. **Att:** 9,000.

AUSTRIA WIEN 4 (Flogel 5, Wagner 22, Prosenik 43, Zsak 72)
LINZ 0. **Att:** 3,000.

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	D	A	Pts
Austria Wien	18	8	7	3	30	16	23
Salzburg	18	6	10	2	24	15	22
FC Tirol	18	8	5	5	32	21	21
Rapid Wien	18	8	5	5	29	27	21
Linz ASK	18	6	7	5	22	18	19
Vorwarts Steyr	18	6	6	6	27	25	18
Sturm Graz	18	6	5	7	22	28	17
Linz	18	5	7	6	23	32	17
Admira Wacker	18	5	5	8	26	34	15
VfB Modling	18	2	3	13	18	36	7

BELGIUM

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

WEEKEND

ANTWERP 2 (Crasson og 14, Rubenilson 78)
ANDERLECHT 4 (Bosman 29, 89, Weber 42, Suray 56). **Att:** 7,000.

CLUB BRUGGE 4 (Verheyen 4, 53, Vermant 16, Staelens 68)
BEVEREN 1 (Roest 11). **Att:** 7,000.

CHARLEROI 2 (Misse Misse 43, 67)
LOMMEL 0. **Att:** 6,000.

STANDARD 2 (Wilmots 24, Schepens 60)
EKEREN 0. **Att:** 12,000.

MECHELEN 2 (Segers 9, Urban pen 70)
EENDRACHT AALST 2 (Meyssen pen 25, Van Wambeke 55). **Att:** 9,000.

OOSTENDE 2 (Claesen 3, Soudan 17)
GENT 4 (Katana 43, Maertens 70, Barka 88, Smeets 90). **Att:** 5,000.

SERAING 2 (Lukaku pen 22, Denil 68)
FC LIEGE 1 (Fadiga 89). **Att:** 6,000.

ST TRUIDEN 2 (Mampaey og 28, Daelmans 51)
LIERSE 2 (Rekdal pen 58, Peeters 63). **Att:** 10,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WEEKEND

BELGIAN CUP — 2ND ROUND

ANTWERP 2 FC POEDERLEE 0
MECHELEN 1 DENDERLEEUW 0
WESTERLO 0 ANDERLECHT 2
LIERSE 1 OVERNELT 0
CLUB BRUGGE 5 FC LIEGE 0
MOESKROEN 2 STANDARD 1
KAPELLEN 0 SERAING 4
EGHEZEE 4 RITA BERLAAR 6
AALST 4 CHARLEROI 2 *(Aet)*
BEVEREN 5 FC TIELEN 2 *(Aet)*
LOMMEL 0 CERCLE 1 *(Aet)*
OOSTENDE 2 RWDM 1 *(Aet)*
ST TRUIDEN 0 EKEREN 0
(Aet, Ekeren won on pens)
DEINZE 2 LOKEREN 2
(Aet, Lokeren won on pens)
GENT 2 GENK 2
(Aet, Gent won on pens)

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

WEEKEND

CERCLE BRUGGE 3 (Hanganu 13, Lauwers 44, Lauwers 90)
OOSTENDE 1 (Claesen 77). At: 5,000.

EENDRACHT AALST 2 (De Wilde 33, Meyssen 69)
ST TRUIDEN 2 (Luhovy 81, Verjans 90). **Att:** 7,000.

ANDERLECHT 0
MECHELEN 1 (Czerniatynski 17). **Att:** 13,000.

BEVEREN 0
ANTWERP 4 (Severeyns 2, 46, Zohar 48, Van Gompel 58). **Att:** 6,500.

EKEREN 0
RWDM 1 (Wuyts 55). **Att:** 2,000.

LIERSE 1 (Lehmann 29)
CHARLEROI 0. **Att:** 5,000.

LOMMEL 3 (Cannaerts 27, 87, Waligora 45)
STANDARD 0. **Att:** 8,500.

SERAING 0
CLUB BRUGGE 0. **Att:** 10,000.

FC LIEGE 4 (Lenglois 49, Varga 75, 77, 90)
GENT 1 (Barka 34). **Att:** 6,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WEEKEND

ANTWERP 2 (Van Gompel 9, Severeyns 86)
SERAING 2 (Edmilson Pen 49, Karagiannis 61). **Att:** 4,500.

CHARLEROI 0
EENDRACHT AALST 0. **Att:** 6,000.

GENT 4 (Barka 9, Viscaal pen 17, Martens 37, Dauwen 50)
CERCLE BRUGES 0. **Att:** 6,000.

STANDARD 2 (Goossens 20, Vidmar 39)
LIERSE 0. **Att:** 17,000.

MECHELEN 1 (Urban 75)
BEVEREN 1 (Goots 88). **Att:** 7,500.

RWDM 0
LOMMEL 0. **Att:** 5,500.

ST TRUIDEN 0
ANDERLECHT 2 (Walem 49, Boffin 72). **Att:** 14,000.

CLUB BRUGGE 2 (Staelens 52)
FC LIEGE 0. **Att:** 9,000.

OOSTENDE 1 (Claesen 21)
EKEREN 1 (Abeels 78). **Att:** 5,000.

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Anderlecht	13	9	2	2	31	15	20
Standard Liege	13	9	2	2	23	10	20
Club Brugge	13	7	3	3	28	14	17
Lierse	13	7	2	4	26	18	16
Seraing	13	6	4	3	23	15	16
Mechelen	13	6	3	4	17	15	15
Ghent	13	5	3	5	21	23	13
Molenbeek	13	3	7	3	13	15	13
Beveren	13	5	2	6	17	23	12
Ekeren	13	4	4	5	25	18	12
Aalst	13	4	4	5	22	27	12
Antwerp	13	4	3	6	23	24	11
Cercle Brugge	13	4	3	6	12	19	11
St Truiden	13	3	5	5	12	18	11
Lommel	13	4	2	7	14	19	10
Charleroi	13	3	4	6	9	19	10
Oostend	13	3	2	8	15	28	8
FC Liege	13	1	5	7	16	27	7

HOLLAND

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

WEEKEND

DORDRECHT 1 (Wouden 24)
GA EAGLES 1 (De Gier 63). **Att:** 1,350.

PSV 5 (Dirkx 41, Ronaldo 55, Linskens 63, De Jong og 72, Numan 90)
GRONINGEN 0. **Att:** 23,900.

FEYENOORD 5 (Trustfull 26, Scholten 42, Van Loen 43, Taumen 47, Blinker 69)
VOLENDAM 2 (Smeets 66, Stefanovic 68). **Att:** 27,232.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WEEKEND

NEC NIJMEGEN 4 (Van Diemen 8, Van Eijikeren 14, 79, Van Tiggelen og 65)
DORDRECHT 0. **Att:** 3,700.

HEERENVEEN 0
RODA JC 0. **Att:** 12,400.

GA EAGLES 1 (De Gier 15)
SPARTA 1 (Fortes 36). **Att:** 5,000.

FC UTRECHT 1 (Smith 35)
PSV 2 (Ronaldo 5, Nilis 83). **Att:** 13,500.

GRONINGEN 1 (Bombarda 38)
VITESSE 1 (Laamers 10). **Att:** 11,080.

FEYENOORD 1 (Scholten 43)
NAC BREDA 0. **Att:** 36,948.

VOLENDAM 0
FC TWENTE 2 (Ellerman 37, Bosvelt 46). **Att:** 3,500.

MVV 2 (Roelofsen 18, Scheepers 61)
RKC 1 (Decheiver 82). **Att:** 4,500.

WILLEM II 1 (Van Gastel 59)
AJAX 4 (Van Vossen 13, Litmanen 18, Finidi pen 49, Davids 80). **Att:** 13,500.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

WEEKEND

AJAX 3 (Litmanen 79, Kluivert 80, 90)
GRONINGEN 1 (Beerens 2). **Att:** 18,751.

NAC 3 (Lokhoff 68, Remie 87, Van Wonderern 88)
GA EAGLES 0. **Att:** 10,188.

PSV 4 (Ronaldo 6, Nilis 37, Meijer 82, Ronaldo 89)
MVV 0. **Att:** 25,200.

RKC 2 (Decheiver 35, Petta 60)
VOLENDAM 3 (Petta 60, Ooyer 85, Binken 90). **Att:** 1,500.

RODA JC 3 (Graef 16, Huiberts 20, Van Galen 53)
WILLEM II 0. **Att:** 8,000.

VITESSE 2 (Gillhaus 63, Mackaay 90)
UTRECHT 1 (Gorter). **Att:** 6,825.

DORDRECHT 1 (Wouden 53)
HEERENVEEN 1 (Van Tuinen 70). **Att:** 1,890.

SPARTA 2 (Van der Laan 47, Jalink 73)
NEC 0. **Att:** 7,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WEEKEND

HEERENVEEN 1
(De Visser pen 81)
SPARTA 0. **Att:** 12,500.

MVV 2 (Balarabe 56, Lanckohr 89)
VITESSE 3 (Gillhaus 18, Helder 72, 86). **Att:** 4,600.

VOLENDAM 0
PSV 0. **Att:** 5,500.

WILLEM 1 (Stewart 39)
DORDRECHT 0. **Att:** 6,100.

GRONINGEN 0
RODA JC 2 (Huiberts 17, 20). **Att:** 11,025.

NEC 2 (Van Eijkeren pen 55, Van Wanrooy 84)
GA EAGLES 1 (De Gier 42). **Att:** 3,000.

FC TWENTE 5 (Mols 34, Boerebach pen 41, Bruggink 69, 80, Zwijnenberg 73)
FEYENOORD 1 (Van Halst og 25). **Att:** 12,100.

UTRECHT 0
AJAX 0. **Att:** 14,000.

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roda JC	14	9	5	0	28	7	23
Ajax	12	10	2	0	37	7	22
Twente Enschede	13	8	4	1	32	16	20
PSV Eindhoven	14	8	3	3	35	18	19
Feyenoord	13	7	3	3	27	20	17
Willem II Tilburg	13	6	2	5	18	18	14
Vitesse Arnhem	13	4	6	3	13	17	14
Heerenveen	14	6	2	6	19	26	14
NAC Breda	13	4	4	5	20	21	12
MVV Maastricht	13	5	2	6	22	25	12
Utrecht	13	4	3	6	16	20	11
Sparta Rotterdam	14	4	3	7	17	19	11
Volendam	14	2	7	5	12	20	11
NEC Nijmegen	13	4	2	7	18	21	10
Groningen	14	3	4	7	17	21	10
RKC Waalwijk	12	2	3	7	14	23	7
GA Eagles	14	1	5	8	11	34	7
Dordrecht	14	0	6	8	7	26	6

PORTUGAL

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

WEEKEND

BELENENSES 1 (Zoran Ban 10)
VITORIA SETUBAL 0. **Att:** 8,000.

BOAVISTA 0
SPORTING BRAGA 0. **Att:** 4,000.

CHAVES 0
FC PORTO 4 (Rui Barros 6, Folha 57, Jose Carlos 78, 90). **Att:** 12,000.

ESTRELA 1 (Rui Aguas 84)
UNIAO MADEIRA 1 (Sergio Lavos 88). **Att:** 6,000.

FARENSE 1 (Crespo og 77)
UNIAO LEIRIA 1 (Bertolazzi 4). **Att:** 10,000.

SPORTING LISBON 2 (Juskowiak 9, Pedro Miguel 20)
BEIRA-MAR 0. **Att:** 35,000.

MARITIMO 1 (Alex 60)
GIL VICENTE 0. **Att:** 10,000.

SALGUEIROS 0
TIRSENSE 2 (Marcelo Cipriano 9, Caetano 34). **Att:** 7,000.

GUIMARAES 1 (Dane 87)
BENFICA 3 (Isaias 6, Caniggia 76, 84). **Att:** 25,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WEEKEND

UNIAO MADEIRA 1 (Beto 45)
SPORTING LISBON 1 (Jusowiak 14). **Att:** 5,000.

BEIRA-MAR 3 (Pitico 14, Punisic 64, Miguel Barros 89)
BOAVISTA 1 (Artur 46). **Att:** 6,000.

BENFICA 2 (Isaias 87, Xavier pen 90)
FARENSE 1 (Toze 51). **Att:** 35,000.

SP BRAGA 2 (Pires 35, Karoglan 54)
SALGUEIROS 1 (Vinha 28). **Att:** 12,300.

GIL VICENTE 2 (Roberto Carlos 30, Sergio Cruz 42)
CHAVES 0. **Att:** 5,600.

UNIAO LEIRIA 1 (Lula 61)
BELENENSES 0. **Att:** 7,000.

FC PORTO 3 (Rui Barros 46, Aloisio pen 85, Yuran 90)
GUIMARAES 0. **Att:** 35,000.

TIRSENSE 0
MARITIMO 1 (Paulo Alves 60). **Att:** 10,000.

VITORIA SETUBAL 0
ESTRELA 0. **Att:** 5,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WEEKEND

BOAVISTA 3 (Sanchez 6, Nuno Gomes 9, Artur 71)
UNIAO MADEIRA 1 (Rui Sergio 67). **Att:** 9,400.

ESTRELA 2 (Edinho 39, Fernando 90)
UNIAO LEIRIA 3 (Bertolazzi 25, El Khalej 46, Reinaldo 48). **Att:** 7,300.

FARENSE 0
FC PORTO 3 (Secretario 29, Domingos 56, Rui Barros 60). **Att:** 12,000.

SPORTING 2 (Balakov 21, Nelson 48)
VITORIA SETUBAL 2 (Tinkler 16, Nunes 90). **Att:** 35,000.

MARITIMO 4 (Paolo Duarte 7, Jorge Andrade 25, Paolo Alves 44, Robson 57)
CHAVES 1 (Tonino 60). **Att:** 10,000.

SALGUEIROS 2 (Rui Alberto 46, Edmilsson 70)
BEIRA-MAR 1 (Toni 66). **Att:** 7,000.

TIRSENSE 1 (Paredao 10)
SPORTING BRAGA 0. **Att:** 8,600.

GUIMARAES 3 (Tlemcani 9, 48, Emerson 90)
GIL VICENTE 1 (Vasco 82). **Att:** 15,000.

BELENENSES 1 (Abilio pen 28)
BENFICA 1 (Isaias 68). **Att:** 16,000.

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Porto	12	10	1	1	26	5	21
Sporting Lisbon	12	9	3	0	25	8	21
Benfica	11	7	2	2	20	7	16
Maritimo	11	6	3	2	16	10	15
Tirsense	12	7	0	5	13	8	14
Boavista	12	6	2	4	17	16	14
Uniao Leiria	12	5	3	4	15	16	13
Guimaraes	12	4	4	4	15	17	12
Sporting Braga	12	4	3	5	13	17	11
Salgueiros	12	4	2	6	11	14	10
Belenenses	12	4	2	6	12	12	10
Beira-Mar	12	5	0	7	13	18	10
Chaves	12	4	2	6	13	23	10
Farense	12	3	3	6	11	18	9
Estrela Amadora	12	2	4	6	15	17	8
Gil Vicente	12	3	2	7	9	14	8
Uniao Madeira	12	2	3	7	12	26	7
Setubal	12	0	5	7	11	21	5

SWITZERLAND

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

MIDWEEK

FC BASEL 0
NEUCHATEL 0. **Att:** 12,000.

LUCERNE 0
LAUSANNE 0. **Att:** 5,300.

SERVETTE 0
LUGANO 0. **Att:** 4,900.

SION 1 (Karl 15)
GRASSHOPPER 2 (Subiat 81, Willems pen 88). **Att:** 7,000.

YOUNG BOYS 1 (Giallanza 57)
AARAU 0. **Att:** 2,300.

FC ZURICH 1 (Favre 1)
ST GALLEN 1 (Frick 15). **Att:** 2,600.

WEEKEND

AARAU 3 (Heldmann 34, Kucharski 53, Skrypczak 78)
SERVETTE 0. **Att:** 5,400.

GRASSHOPPER 0
FC BASEL 3 (Cantaluppi 57, 80, Steingruber 85). **Att:** 10,100.

LAUSANNE 4 (La Placa 29, 67, Sogbie pen 49, 76)
YOUNG BOYS 2 (Ippoliti 22, Sutter 90). **Att:** 3,500.

LUGANO 2 (Galvao 25, Englund 88)
FC ZURICH 2 (Sahin 7, Moller 77). **Att:** 4,200.

NEUCHATEL XAMAX 1
(Wiederkehr 26)
LUCERNE 1 (Rueda 39). **Att:** 6,600.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WEEKEND

FC BASEL 0
AARAU 2 (Ratinho 75, 87). **Att:** 14,000.

LUCERNE 0
LUGANO 2 (Andrioli 60, Penzavalli 85). **Att:** 7,900.

SION 4 (Marin 52, 62, Assis 60, Kunz 90)
LAUSANNE 2 (Sogbie 37, Kaslin 73). **Att:** 8,500.

YOUNG BOYS 1 (Streun 45)
ST GALLEN 1 (Gambino 90). **Att:** 2,500.

FC ZURICH 2 (Skoro 9, Moller 72)
NEUCHATEL 0. **Att:** 2,500.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

MIDWEEK

ST GALLEN 0
SION 1 (Assis 2). **Att:** 6,000.

WEEKEND

AARAU 2 (Fink 43, 58)
NEUCHATEL XAMAX 2
(Aleksandrov 68, Ivanov 86). **Att:** 4,400.

FC BASEL 2 (Zuffi 18, 73)
SERVETTE 1 (Eklund 78). **Att:** 8,500.

LUGANO 1 (Manfreda 78)
GRASSHOPPER 0. **Att:** 5,200.

ST GALLEN 4 (Gilewicz 2, Wittl 67, Tiefenbach 77, Frick 80)
LAUSANNE 0. **Att:** 4,000.

SION 2 (Assis 41, Marin 73)
LUCERNE 0. **Att:** 7,500.

FC ZURICH 0
YOUNG BOYS 0. **Att:** 3,300.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WEEKEND

GRASSHOPPER 2 (Subiat 14, 76)
ST GALLEN 1 (Bouderbala 17). **Att:** 7,100.

LUCERNE 0
FC BASEL 1 (Olsen 66). **Att:** 11,200.

NEUCHATEL 1 (Henchoz 26)
LUGANO 1 (Morf 14). **Att:** 9,300.

SERVETTE 2 (Neuville 2, 39)

FC ZURICH 0, Att: 4,500.
YOUNG BOYS 1 (Streun 32)
SION 3 (Oggier 55, Karl 63, 86).
Att: 4,500.

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	D	A	Pts
Grasshopper	21	12	5	4	35	21	29
Lugano	21	8	9	4	30	16	25
Aarau	21	8	9	4	34	21	25
Lausanne	21	8	8	5	33	30	24
Neuchatel Xamax	21	8	6	7	29	30	22
Sion	21	10	2	9	32	37	22
Bale	21	6	7	8	18	15	19
Zurich	21	4	11	6	22	25	19
Servette	21	6	6	9	25	27	18
Lucerne	21	6	6	9	20	30	18
St Gallen	21	3	10	8	19	28	16
Young Boys	21	5	5	11	19	36	15

EUROPEAN TABLES

NORTHERN IRELAND

	P	W	D	L	D	A	Pts
Crusaders	11	9	2	0	29	12	25
Portadown	11	8	0	3	28	13	24
Linfield	11	6	2	3	24	12	20
Glenavon	11	5	3	3	26	17	18
Coleraine	11	4	6	1	24	19	18
Glentoran	11	5	3	3	17	13	18
Cliftonville	11	5	2	4	13	13	17
Carrick	11	4	4	3	27	26	16
Bangor	11	3	6	2	14	10	15
Distillery	11	4	2	5	19	21	14
Ards	11	3	3	5	17	19	12
Ballymena	11	3	2	6	14	18	11
Omagh Town	11	1	6	4	8	14	9
Ballyclare	11	2	1	8	11	24	7
Larne	11	2	1	8	7	30	7
Newry	11	1	3	7	12	29	6

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Levski	14	12	1	1	54	10	37
Lokomotiv Sofia	14	12	1	1	27	14	37
Slavia	14	9	2	3	34	15	29
Botev	14	8	3	3	32	19	27
Spartak	14	6	3	5	16	14	21
Etur	14	6	3	5	12	17	21
Lokomotiv Plovdiv	14	6	1	7	14	15	19
CSKA	14	6	1	7	24	27	19
Neftohimik	14	6	0	8	19	27	18
Montana	14	4	4	6	16	21	16
Shumen	14	4	4	6	11	22	16
Dobrudja	14	4	3	7	10	17	15
Lokomotiv GO	14	4	2	8	14	21	14
Pirin	14	4	2	8	12	21	14
Lex	14	2	3	9	10	29	9
Beroe	14	2	1	11	15	31	7

CZECH REPUBLIC

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slavia Praha	15	10	4	1	31	10	34
Viktoria Zizkov	15	10	2	3	40	18	32
Boby Brno	15	8	5	2	27	13	29
Slovan Liberec	15	9	2	4	24	17	29
Sparta Praha	15	8	3	4	30	13	27
FK Jablonec	15	7	2	6	22	16	23
FC Union Cheb	15	6	4	5	14	19	22
Olomouc	15	5	4	6	16	16	19
Ostrava	15	5	4	6	16	22	19
Ceske Budejovice	15	4	6	5	13	14	18
Svit Zlin	15	5	3	7	12	21	18
Viktoria Plzen	15	5	2	8	13	24	17
Hradec Kralove	15	4	2	9	10	24	14
Bohemians Praha	15	3	3	9	15	26	12
Petra Drnovice	15	3	2	10	11	25	11
Svarc Benesov	15	3	2	10	13	29	11

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UTE-Novabau	15	10	3	2	43	18	33
Ferencvaros	15	10	2	3	35	20	32
Kispest-Honved	15	9	2	4	34	18	29
BVSC-Dreher	15	9	1	5	34	21	28
Bekescsaba EFC	15	7	5	3	26	20	26
Debrecen VSC	15	7	2	6	19	22	23
Zalaegerszeg TE	15	7	2	6	22	32	23
Vac FC-Samsung	15	6	3	6	22	23	21
PMSC-Fordan	15	6	3	6	18	24	21
Nagykanizsa	15	5	2	8	16	35	17
Csepel-Kordax	15	4	4	7	14	16	16
Stadler FC	15	4	3	8	13	19	15
ETO FC Gyor	15	5	2	8	17	20	14
EMDSZ-Sopron	15	3	4	8	26	31	13
Vasas	15	3	3	9	20	27	12
Parmalat FC	15	2	5	8	14	27	11

POLAND

	P	W	D	L	D	A	Pts
Widzew Lodz	17	10	5	2	30	17	25
Legia Warsaw	17	10	4	3	31	11	24
GKS Katowice	17	8	7	2	20	9	23
Lech Poznan	17	8	5	4	25	16	21
Olimpia Poznan	17	7	6	4	30	20	20
Gornik Zabrze	17	5	9	3	25	18	19
LKS Lodz	17	4	10	3	20	19	18
Hutnik Kracow	17	6	5	6	20	18	17
Stomil Olsztyn	17	3	10	4	22	21	16
Stal Mielec	17	4	8	5	24	25	16
Pogon Szczecin	17	5	6	6	18	19	16
Sokol Pniewy	17	4	8	5	18	23	16
Zaglebie Lubin	17	5	5	7	23	29	15
Stal St Wola	17	5	5	7	16	23	15
Ruch Chorzow	17	2	9	6	14	21	13
R. Czestochowa	17	3	6	8	20	31	12
Petrorochemia	17	2	6	9	16	30	10
Warta Poznan	17	3	4	10	12	34	10

ROMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC National	14	10	1	3	34	15	31
Steaua Bucharest	14	7	5	2	23	9	26
Rapid Bucharest	14	8	2	4	23	15	26
Univ. Craiova	14	7	3	4	26	16	24
Ceahlaul	14	7	3	4	23	20	24
Gloria Bistrita	14	7	2	5	24	22	23
Inter Sibiu	14	7	1	6	23	21	22
Petrolul Ploiesti	14	6	3	5	19	17	21
Dinamo	14	6	2	6	24	20	20
Universitatea Cluj	14	6	2	6	16	16	20
FC Arges Pitesti	14	6	2	6	14	20	20
Farul Constanta	14	5	3	6	16	23	18
Otelul Galati	14	4	4	6	20	24	16
FC Brasov	14	3	5	6	10	20	14
FC Maramures	14	3	4	7	13	19	13
Electro. Craiova	14	3	3	8	10	18	12
UT Arad	14	3	3	8	11	23	12
Sportul Student	14	2	4	8	6	17	10

RUSSIA — *FINAL TABLE*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Moscow Spartak	30	21	8	1	73	21	50
Moscow Dynamo	30	13	13	4	55	35	39
Lok Moscow	30	12	12	6	49	28	36
Rotor Volgograd	30	10	16	4	39	23	36
Sptk Vladikavkaz	30	11	11	8	32	34	33
KamAZ	30	11	9	10	38	38	31
Tekstilshchik	30	12	6	12	32	36	30
Lokomotiv Nizhny	30	11	8	11	34	34	30
Zhemchuzhina	30	8	11	11	44	48	27
CSKA Moscow	30	8	10	12	30	32	26
Torpedo Moscow	30	7	12	11	28	37	26
Dynamo-Gazovik	30	7	10	13	24	49	24
Krylya Sovetov	30	6	12	12	30	51	24
Uralmash	30	7	9	14	33	49	23
Dyn. Stavropol	30	6	11	13	25	34	23
Lada Togliatti	30	6	10	14	24	41	22

SLOVAKIA

	P	W	D	L	D	A	Pts
Slovan Bratislava	13	9	4	0	23	7	31
Spartak Trnava	13	7	2	4	23	12	23
FC Kosice	13	6	4	3	25	15	22
Dac Dunajska	14	6	3	5	17	12	21
Inter Bratislava	14	5	5	4	17	19	20
Dukla Bystrica	14	5	4	5	18	14	19
Lok. Kosice	13	6	1	6	23	23	19
MFK Prievidza	14	5	4	5	12	20	19
Bardejov	14	5	2	7	15	16	17
Tatran Presov	14	4	3	7	15	23	15
FC Chemlon	14	3	5	6	15	26	14
SK Zilina	14	2	1	11	13	29	7

GREECE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Panathiniakos	10	9	1	0	27	6	28
OFI	10	7	2	1	18	7	23
Iraklis	10	6	1	3	21	12	19
AEK	10	5	3	2	16	9	18
Olympiakos	10	5	1	4	19	10	16
PAOK	9	5	1	3	19	11	16
Apollon	10	4	2	4	17	14	14
Edessaikos	10	4	2	4	12	14	14
Xanthi	10	3	4	3	17	13	13
Aris	9	4	1	4	11	9	13
Larissa	10	3	4	3	10	9	13
Panionios	10	3	4	3	11	12	13
Athinaikos	10	2	4	4	4	6	10
Levadiakos	10	2	3	5	7	13	9
Ionikos	10	2	2	6	10	26	8
Doxa	10	2	2	6	8	24	8
Ethnikos	10	1	4	5	7	17	7
Kavala	10	1	1	8	4	26	4

ISRAEL

	P	W	D	L	D	A	Pts
Betar Jerusalem	11	6	2	3	19	11	20
H. Petah-Tikvah	11	6	2	3	19	15	20
Macc. Tel-Aviv	11	6	1	4	21	11	19
Macc.Haifa	11	5	4	2	21	14	19
H. Beer Shevah	11	5	4	2	21	15	19
Hapoel Tel-Aviv	11	5	4	2	19	15	19
Bnei Yehuda	11	5	3	3	21	15	18
Hapoel Bet Sheah	11	4	4	3	11	15	16
Macc.PT	11	3	5	3	15	15	14
Betar Tel-Aviv	11	4	2	5	11	16	14
Ironi Rishon	11	3	4	4	14	13	13
Hapoel Haifa	11	3	2	6	18	20	11
Zafririm Hollon	11	3	2	6	16	21	11
Macc. Nathanya	11	3	2	6	17	23	11
Ironi Ashod	11	3	2	6	14	21	11
Macc.Herzliah	11	1	3	7	8	25	6

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Galatasaray	15	11	3	1	39	14	36
Besiktas	15	11	2	2	35	12	35
Trabzonspor	15	9	3	3	32	16	30
Fenerbahce	15	9	2	4	38	17	29
Bursaspor	15	8	3	4	24	15	27
Genclerbirligi	15	7	5	3	25	19	26
Vanspor	15	7	1	7	16	15	22
Samsunspor	15	5	5	5	28	26	20
Kocaelispor	15	5	4	6	23	27	19
Ankaragucu	15	5	3	7	17	22	18
Kayserispor	15	5	3	7	25	38	18
Altay	15	3	7	5	21	23	16
Denizlispor	15	4	3	8	21	28	15
Gaziantepspor	15	4	3	8	18	25	15
Zeytinburnuspor	15	4	2	9	16	24	13
Antalyaspor	15	3	4	8	16	24	13
Petrolofisispor	15	4	1	10	13	35	13
Adanademirspor	15	3	2	10	14	31	11

EUROPEAN CUPS

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
(November 23)

GROUP A

GALATASARAY 2 (Hakan 71pen, Arif 88)
BARCELONA 1 (Romario 15)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Zhuk (Bye)
Galatasaray: Stauche — Mapeza, Bulent, Sedat, Mert, Ergun, Arif, Yusuf (Tugay 46), Hakan, Suat, Hamza (Okan 59).
Barcelona: Busquets — Ferrer, Guardiola (Abelardo 60), Koeman, Nadal, Bakero (Beguiristain 70), Eusebio, Stoichkov, Amor, Romario, Sergi.

IFK GOTHENBURG 3 (Blomqvist 11, Erlingmark 65, Kamark 72pen)
MANCHESTER UNITED 1 (Hughes 64)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 38,500. **Ref:** Trentalange (Ita).
IFK: Ravelli — Kamark, Johansson, Bjorklund, Nilsson, Martinsson (Wahlstedt 48), Erlingmark, Lindqvist, Blomqvist, Rehn, Pettersson (T Andersson 78).
Manchester Utd: Walsh — May (Neville 68), Irwin, Bruce, Kanchelskis, Pallister, Cantona, *Ince, McClair, Hughes, Davies (Butt 75).
** Ince sent off, 85min.*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IFK Gothenburg	5	4	0	1	9	6	8
Barcelona	5	2	1	2	10	7	5
Man United	5	1	2	2	7	11	4
Galatasaray	5	1	1	3	3	5	3

GROUP B

BAYERN MUNICH
PARIS SAINT GERMAIN 1 (Weah 81)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 46,000. **Ref:** Diaz Vega (Spa)
Bayern Munich: Kahn — Matthaus, Helmer, Babbel, Jorginho, Schupp (Hamann 65), Scholl, Nerlinger, Ziege, Papin (Zickler 70), Sutter
Paris SG: Lama — Cobos, Colleter, Roche, Dieng, Llacer, Bravo (Le Guen 60), Sechet, Guerin, Nouma, Ginola (Weah 66).

MOSCOW SPARTAK 1 (Mukhamadiev 51)
KIEV DYNAMO 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 37,500. **Ref:** Pedersen (Nor)
Spartak: Tiapushkin — Khlestov, Minko, Alenichev, Rakhimov, Nikiforov, Onopko, Tikhonov, Piatnitski (Naduda 83), Pisarev (Konovalov 63), Mukhamadiev.
Kiev: Shovkovski — Luzhni, Kovalets, *Vaschuk, Khomin, Sharan, Lezhentsev, Rebrov (Shevchenko 55), Mikhailenko (Mizin 63), Leonenko, Skapenko.
** Vashchuk sent off, 86min.*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paris SG	5	5	0	0	8	2	10
Moscow Spartak	5	1	2	2	7	8	4
Bayern Munich	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
Kiev Dynamo	5	1	0	4	4	7	2

GROUP C

BENFICA 2 (Isaias 33, Joao Vieira Pinto 77)
HAJDUK SPLIT 1 (Andrijasevic 71)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Blankenstein (Hol)
Benfica: Preud'Homme — Paulo Madeira, Mozer, Helder, Manuel Dimas, Abel Xavier, Tavares (Kenedy 79), Joao Pinto, Caniggia, Nelo, Isaias (Vitor Paneira 63).
Hajduk: Gabric — Butorovic, Person (Vucevic 55), Hibic, Vuica, Andrijasevic, Vulic, Pralika, Mestrovic, Asanovic, Mornar (Erceg 63).

STEAUA BUCHAREST 1 (Dobos 52)
ANDERLECHT 1 (Bosman 42)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Koho (Fin)
Steaua: Stingaciu — Panait, Pirvu, Dobos, Gilca, Prodan, Lacatus, Csik, Ilie (Popa 76), Panduru (Rosu 80), Stan.
Anderlecht: De Wilde — Crasson, Rutjes, *Babayro, Doll, Walem, Haagdoren (Peiremans 63), Zetterberg, Bosman, Degryse, Boffin.
** Babayro sent off, 36min.*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	5	3	2	0	8	4	8
Hajduk Split	5	2	2	1	4	3	6
Steaua	5	0	3	2	3	5	3
Anderlecht	5	0	3	2	3	6	3

GROUP D

AEK ATHENS 1 (Vlachos 29)
CASINO SALZBURG 3 (Pfeifenberger 7, 9, Hasenhuttl 76)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Goethals (Bel)
AEK: Atmatidis — Agoroyannis (Kopitsis 46), Karayannis (Borbokis 72), Koutoulas, Sabanadzovic, Vlachos, Saravakos, Ketspala, Kostis, Tsartas, Kasapis.
Salzburg: Konrad — Lainer, Kocijan (Huetter 88), Mladenovic, Fuerstaller, Winklhofer, Hasenhuettl (Staedler 83), Artner, Pfeifenberger, Feiersinger, Hiden.

MILAN 0
AJAX 2 (Litmanen 2, Baresi og 66)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 32,200 *(in Trieste)*.
Ref: Mikkelsen (Den)
Milan: Rossi — Panucci, Maldini, Albertini, Costacurta, Baresi, Donadoni (Stroppa 75), Desailly, Simone, Boban (Lentini 57), Massaro.
Ajax: Van der Sar — Reiziger, Blind, Rijkaard, F De Boer, Seedorf, George, Davids (Overmars 80), R De Boer, Litmanen, Van Vossen (Kanu 35).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	5	3	2	0	7	2	8
Casino Salzburg	5	1	3	1	4	5	5
Milan	5	2	1	2	5	5	3
AEK Athens	5	0	2	3	3	7	2

Milan deducted 2pts

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ATHLETIC BILBAO 1 (Ciganda 48)
PARMA 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 29,000.
Bilbao: Valencia — Tabuenka, Adrinua, Karanka, Larrazabal, Vales (Gonzalo Suances 82), Guerrero, Garitano, Alkiza Mendiguren 59), Goikoetxea, Ciganda.
Parma: Bucci — Mussi, Di Chiaria, Minotti, Apolloni, Fernando Couto, Branca, D Baggio (Pin 46), Crippa, Zola, Sensini.

LA CORUNA 1 (Bebeto 23)
BORUSSIA DORTMUND 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 26,000.
La Coruna: Canales — Lopez Rekarte, Voro, Ribera, Villaroya, Djukic, Aldana (Aguado 86), Fran, Bebeto, Donato, Manjarin.
Dortmund: Klos — Sammer, Schmidt, Julio Cesar, Reuter, Zorc, Moller, Freund, K Reinhardt, Riedle, Chapuisat.

GKS KATOWICE 1 (Nikodem 54)
BAYER LEVERKUSEN 4 (Kirsten 30, 44, Lehnhoff 41, 65)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 8,000.
Katowice: Jojko — Maciejewski, Borawski, Nikodem, Grzesik, Widuch, Kucz, Walczak, Sermak (Wolny 46; Szczygiel 66), Strojek.
Leverkusen: Vollborn — Happe, Schnitemann, Worns, Lupescu, Scholz, Hapal (Tolkmitt 79), Schuster, Kirsten, Lehnhoff, Thorn (Neuendorf 76).

ODENSE 2 (Schjoenberg 45, Hjorth 79)
REAL MADRID 3 (Zamorano 67, Amavisca 69, Laudrup 90)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,253.
OB: Hoegh — Hansen, A Hemmingsen, Sangild, Nedergaard, C Hemmingsen, Pedersen, Schjoenberg, Bisgaard (Hjorth 73), Thorup, Tchami (Madsen 83).
Real Madrid: Buyo — Quique, Alkorta, Hierro, Luis Enrique, Michel, Redondo, Laudrup, Martin Vazquez, Zamorano (Butragueno 80), Amavisca.

TRABZONSPOR 1 (Karaman 67)
LAZIO 2 (Rambaudi 59, Negro 61)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 21,000.
Trabzonspor: Grishko — Lemi, Hamdi, Kemal, Tolunay, Abdullah, Osman, Unal, Soner, Hami, Orhan (Ender Tras 85).
Lazio: Marchegiani — Negro, Chamot, Di Matteo (Venturin 86), Bergodi, Cravero, Rambaudi, Fuser (Bacci 89), Casiraghi, Winter, Signori.

ADMIRA WACKER 1 (Binder 56)
JUVENTUS 1 (Conte 9, Baggio 16, 42)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 8,000 (Nov 24)
Admira Wacker: Knaller — Gager, Biskup, Graf, Zingler, Binder (Eberhardt 87), Bacher, Litovchenko, Panis, Klausz.
Juventus: Peruzzi (Rampulla 46) — Carrera, Ferrara, Torricelli, Di Livio (Tacchinardi 14), De Sousa, Conte (Marocchi 63), Jarni, Vialli, Baggio, Ravanelli.

EIN. FRANKFURT 1 (Yeboah 56)
NAPOLI 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 38,500 *(Nov 24)*.

NANTES 4 (Loko 15, Ferri 33, N'Doram 51, Makelele 78)
SION 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 34,210 *(Nov 24)*.

INTERNATIONAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Oct 23 = Muscat — friendly
OMAN 0
SENEGAL 1 (M Camara)
HT: 0-0.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Oct 25 = Muscat — friendly
OMAN 2
SENEGAL 1

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Oct 26 = Tallinn — friendly
ESTONIA 0
FINLAND 7 (Eriksson 5, Ruhanen 19, 40, Sumiala 29, 60, Hjelm 32, 39)
HT: 0-6. **Att:** 500. **Ref:** Lajuks (Lat)
Estonia: Tohver (Vessenberg 46) — Lemsalu, Kirs, Kaljend, T Kallaste — Alonen, Olumets, Linnumae, Rajala (Kiisman 82) — Kristal, Pari (Vahtramae 60).
Finland: Niemi (Jakonen 46) — Makela (Kolkka 67), Kanerva, Hyrylainen, Eriksson (Karjalainen 46) — Helin, R Rantanen, Hyypia, Ruhanen — Hjelm (Huttunen 89), Sumiala.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Oct 28 = Abu Dhabi — friendly
UAE 3 (Mohamed Ali 13, Zouheir Bakhit 75, Khamis Saad 87)
SENEGAL 2 (M Camara 38, 68 pen)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 10,000.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Oct 30 = Bamako — Af Chp gp 6
MALI 2 (B Toure 45, A P Dialio 75)
GUINEA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Yengo (Con)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Nov 3 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 2 (Al-Taliani 11, Mohammed Ali 18 pen)
QATAR 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 60,000.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Nov 4 = Gulf Cup
SAUDI ARABIA 2 (Amin 13, 57)
OMAN 1 (Abdennour 49)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000.

Nov 4 = Gulf Cup
BAHRAIN 2 (Darouiche 27, Mahmoud 64)
KUWAIT 1 (Chemari 85)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,000.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Nov 6 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup
UAE 1 (Abdermane Mohamed 51)
SAUDI ARABIA 1 (Al-Jaber 26)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 6,000.

Nov 6 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup
BAHRAIN 1
OMAN 1
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,000.

Nov 6 = Ozolnieki — friendly
LATVIA 0
ESTONIA 0
Att: 150. **Ref:** Lajuks (Lat)
Latvia: Laizans — Troitski, Atsafyev, Zemlinski, Shevlyakov — Sprogis, Mikutski (Stolcers 66), V Ivanovs — Semyonov, Babichev, Sharando (S Ivanov 46).
Estonia: Vessenberg — Lemsalu, Kirs, Vahtramae (Olumets 46), Zelinski (R Kallaste 59) — Pari, Alonen, Kristal, Lindmaa — Linnumae, Rajala.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Nov 7 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup
KUWAIT 1 (Ali Marwi 62)
QATAR 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000.

Nov 7 = Casablanca — friendly
MOROCCO 1 (Loumari 80)
CAMEROON 1 (Edimo Ntone 81)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,000.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Nov 8 = Tunis — friendly
TUNISIA 2 (S Bouhali 39, A Selimi 86 pen)
IVORY COAST 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Nov 9 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup

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QATAR 4 (Soufi 39, 46, Jumaa Salim 85, Abdel Khamis 90)
OMAN 2 (Abdennour 18, Al-Habsi 48)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 2,500.

Nov 9 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup
UAE 2 (Rashid 52, Al-Taliani 72)
KUWAIT 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,000.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Oct 10 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup
BAHRAIN 1 (Mubarak Khamis 77)
SAUDI ARABIA 3 (Muhallil 53, Al-Owairan 56, Muwaled 63 pen)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,000.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Nov 11 = Cairo — Afr Chp gp 4
EGYPT 5 (Hossam Hassan 24, 36, Sari 30, Salah 56, Fariuk 57)
ETHIOPIA 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 30,000.

Nov 11 = Nouakchott — Afr Chp gp 2
MAURITANIA 1 (Brahim Malha 79)
LIBERIA 1 (Alioune Ndiaye og 28)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 15,000.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Nov 12 = Dar es Salaam — Af Chp gp 4
TANZANIA 2 (Madaraka Selemani 26, 61)
SUDAN 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000.

Nov 12 = Kampala — Afr Chp gp 4
UGANDA 1 (Semogerere 70 pen)
ALGERIA 1 (Tosfont Abdelafia 43)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 25,000.

Nov 12 = Banjul — Afr Chp gp 3
GAMBIA 1 (Tamsir Manneh 20)
GHANA 2 (Konor 34, Amankwa 42)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 30,000.

Nov 12 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup
QATAR 1 (Mahmood Yaseen 2)
SAUDI ARABIA 2 (Al-Jaber 34, Amin 61)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 8,000.

Nov 12 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 0
BAHRAIN 0
Att: 950.

Nov 12 = Bucharest — Euro Chp gp 1
ROMANIA 3 (Popescu 7, Hagi 46, Prodan 81)
SLOVAKIA 2 (Dubovsky 56, Chvila 78)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 16,000.
Romania: Stelea — Petrescu, Belodedici, Prodan, Popescu, Hagi, Lupescu, Dumitrescu, Munteanu, Carstea, Raducioiu (Viadoiu 85), Lacatus (D Timofte 76).
Slovakia: Molnar — Stupala, Glonek, Kinder, Chvila, Tomaschek, Tittel, Kristofik, Moravcik, Dubovski, Pensksa (Timko 46).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Nov 13 = Maseru — Afr Chp gp 1
LESOTHO 2 (Lekwane Lekwane 48, Lefika Lekhotla 73)
CAMEROON 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,000

Nov 13 = Harare — Afr Chp gp 1
ZIMBABWE 2 (A. Ndlovu 52, P. Ndlovu 89 pen)
ZAIRE 1 (Liombe Essende 66)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Chikuku (Zam)

Nov 13 = Tunis — Afr Chp gp 2
TUNISIA 1 (Ayadi Hamrouni 24)
TOGO 1 (Wadja Latmay 56)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000.

Nov 13 = Niamey — Afr Chp gp 3
NIGER 4 (Brah Taher Djibo 5, 22, Denis Ayi 55, Mounkaila Ide 65)
SIERRA LEONE 2 (John Pieter 37, Lamine Konte 60)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 10,000.

Nov 13 = Libreville — Afr Chp gp 5
GABON 3 (Francois Amgasse 26 pen, Aurelien Bekogo 28, Brice Mackaya 64)
MAURITIUS 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 25,000

Nov 13 = Lusaka — Afr Chp gp 5
ZAMBIA 1 (Kenneth Malitoli 86 pen)
SOUTH AFRICA 1 (Khumalo 68)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 40,000.

Nov 13 = Bamako — Afr Chp gp 6
MALI 0
ANGOLA 0
Att: 20,000.

Nov 13 = Windhoek — Afr Chp gp 6
NAMIBIA 1 (Ruben van Wyk 89)
BOTSWANA 1 (Boikago Modise 25)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,000

Nov 13 = Maputo — Afr Chp gp 6
MOZAMBIQUE 2 (Tchaka-Tchaka, Tiko-Tiko)
GUINEA 1 (Silla)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 50,000

Nov 13 = Casablanca — Afr Chp gp 7
MOROCCO 1 (Hassan Nadir 15)
IVORY COAST 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000

Nov 13 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup
KUWAIT 0
OMAN 0
Att: 3,000.

Nov 13 = Lisbon — Euro Chp gp 6
PORTUGAL 1 (Figo 37)
AUSTRIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 46,000. **Ref:** Mikkelsen (Den).
Portugal: Vitor Baia — Joao Pinto, Helder, Oceano, Paulo Madeira, Paulo Sousa, Figo, Joao Vieira Pinto, Sa Pinto (Vitor Paneira 70), Rui Costa (Domingos Oliveira 85), Paulinho Santos.
Austria: Konrad — Feiersinger, Fuerstaller, Kogler, Schottel, Winklhofer, Cerny (Hutter 70), Artner, Polster, Stoger, Kuhbauer (Prosenik 46).

Nov 13 = Kiev — Euro Chp gp 4
UKRAINE 3 (Konovalov 30, Kirs og 45, Guseinov 76)
ESTONIA 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 500.
Ukraine: Shovkovsky (Suslov 38) — Luzhny, Bezhenar, Lezhentsev, Kovalets (Petrov 75), Popov, Skachenko (Guseinov 62), Kuznetsov, Litovchenko, Konovalov, Orbu.
Estonia: Vesenberg — Alonen, Kallaste, Kirs, Kristal, Lemsalu, Lindmaa, Linnumae, Olumets, Pari, Zelinski.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Nov 15 = Vaduz — Euro Chp gp 6
LIECHTENSTEIN 0
LATVIA 1 (Babichev 13)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,300. **Ref:** Werner (Pol).
Liechtenstein: Heeb — Moser, Telser, Hefti, Ritter, Hilti, Zech (Klaunzer 59), Ospelt, Frick, Heidegger (Oehri 58), Hasler.
Latvia: Karavayev — Troitskys, Astafyev, Zemlinskis, Shevlyakov, Sprogis, Blagonadezdins (Mikuckis 46), Ivanovs, Milevskis, Babichev (Sarando 71), Semyonovs.

Nov 15 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup
BAHRAIN 1 (Hamid Hassan 28)
QATAR 1 (Mahmood Yaseen 67)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,000.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Nov 16 = Tirana — Euro Chp gp 7
ALBANIA 1 (Zmijani 32)
GERMANY 2 (Klinsmann 18, Kirsten 46)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 23,000. **Ref:** Melnichuk (Ukr).
Albania: Strakosha — Vata, Lekbello, Xhumba, Kacaj, Zmijani (Pano 65), Bellaii, Millo, Kushta, Rrakkli, Demollari (Kola 55).
Germany: Koepke — Matthaus, Kohler, Berthold, Eilts, Reuter, Sammer (Strunz 46), Weber (Dirk Schuster 83), Moller, Kirsten, Klinsmann.

Nov 16 = Trabzon, Turkey — Euro Chp gp 1
AZERBAIJAN 0
ISRAEL 2 (R Harazi 29, Rosenthal 51)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Vagner (Hun)
Azerbaijan: Jivkov — Allahverdiev, Cabbarov, *Ahmedov, Esedov, Mayarov (Agayev 46), Husyinov, Diniyev (Rizayev 77), Asimov, Suleymanov, Aliekberov.
* = *Ahmedov sent off, 88min.*
Israel: Ginsberg — Bulbul, Glam, Chazan, A Harazi (Shelah 82), Klinger, Benin, Revivo, Berkovitz (Nimni 68), R Harazi, Rosenthal.

Nov 16 = Minsk — Euro Chp gp 5
BYELORUSSIA 0
NORWAY 4 (Berg 34, Leonhardsen 39, Bohinen 52, Rekdal 83 pen)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 7,500. **Ref:** Spasov (Bul)
Byelorussia: Shantalosov — Yaskovich, Rodnenok , Metlitsky, Yakhimovich, Zygmantovich, Antonovich, Markhel (Yusipets 46), Gerasimets, Romashchenko (Gurinovich 82), Shukanov.
Norway: Grodaas — Halle, R Johnsen (J I Jakobsen 80), Berg, Bjornebye (Lydersen 42), Rushfeldt, Mykland, Leonhardsen, Fjortoft, Bohinen, Rekdal.

Nov 16 = Brussels — Euro Chp gp 2
BELGIUM 1 (Verheyen 31)
MACEDONIA 1 (Boskovski 54)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 17,000. **Ref:** Khusainov (Rus).
Belgium: Preud'homme — Genaux, Crasson, Boffin, Smidts, Staelens, Van der Elst, Walem (De Wilde 72), Degryse, Nilis, Verheyen.
Macedonia: Celeski — Stanojkovic, Jovanovski, Najdovski, Janevski, Markovski, Micevski, Djurovski, Boskovski (Kanatiarovski 87), Djurovski (Serafimovski 81), Stojkoski.

Nov 16 = Sofia — Euro Chp gp 7
BULGARIA 4 (Stoichkov 45, 85, Balakov 64, Kostadinov 87)
MOLDOVA 1 (Kleshchenko 59)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** McArdle (NI)
Bulgaria: Mihailov — Kiryakov, Ivanov, Tzvetanov, Hubchev, Yordanov, Kostadinov, Stoichkov, Penev (Sirakov 80), Balakov, Lechkov (Stoilov 86).
Moldova: Koselev — Secu, Belous, Pogorelov, Rebeja, Stroenko, Oprea, Curtianu (Kosse), Nani, Spiridon, Kleshchenko.

Nov 16 = Santiago — friendly
CHILE 0
ARGENTINA 3 (Rambert 7, Espina 23, Escudero 79)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** J Torres (Col).
Chile: Ramirez — Margas, Ardiman, R Rojas (Reyes 66), M Ramirez (Silva 83), P Gonzalez (M Rojas 46), Parraguez (Mendoza 46), Estay, Yanez, Leppe (Tupper 46), Barrera.
Argentina: Bossio — Zanetti, Ayala, Fabbri, Arruabarrena, Escudero (Vibas 80), Bassedas, Espina (Gallardo), Ortega (Carranza 73), Rambert (Flores 82).

Nov 16 = Limassol — Euro Chp gp 2
CYPRUS 2 (Soteriou 7, Fasouliotis 87)
ARMENIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Ashby (Eng)
Cyprus: M Christofi — S Andreou, Ioannou, Evagoras, Stefani — Zembazis (Ilia 89), Malekas (Fasouliotis 68), Savides, Pittas — Gogic, Sotiriou.
Armenia: Abramian — Tonoian, Oganessian, Vardanian, Karpasianm — A Petrosian, Grigorian, Mikltarian (B Avepisian 85), Obsenpian — Soukisian, Egspegian (A Avepisian 69).

Nov 16 = Wembley — friendly
ENGLAND 1 (Platt 41)
NIGERIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 37,196. **Ref:** Sundell (Swe).
England: Flowers — Jones, Howey, Ruddock, Le Saux, Wise, Lee (McManaman 26), Platt, Barnes, Beardsley (Le Tissier 79), Shearer (Sheringham 79).
Nigeria: Rufai — Iroha, Okafor, Eguavoen, Adepoju (Nwanku 85), Okechukwu, Okocha, Amunike, Yekini (Ikpeba 61), Amokachi (Okoku 61), George.

Nov 16 = Helsinki — Euro Chp gp 8
FINLAND 5 (Sumiala 37, Litmanen 51 pen, 71, Paatelainen 75, 85)
FAROE ISLANDS 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Orrason (Ice)
Finland: Laukkanen — Makela, Kanerva, A Eriksson, Helin — Litmanen, Ukkonen, J Lindberg (Rajamaki 78), Sumiala (Ruhanen 90) — Hjelm, Paatelainen.
Faroes: Knudsen — Johannesen, J Rasmussen, O HAnsen (J E Rasmussen 80), T E Hansen — K Morkore, M Jarnskor, H Jarnskor, T Jonson — J A Muller, D Jonsen.

Nov 16 = Tbilisi — Euro Chp gp 7
GEORGIA 5 (Ketsbaya 31, 49, Kinkladze 41, Goglichigani 59, Arveladze 67)
WALES 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Sars (Fra)
Georgia: Devadze — Revishvili, Chadadze, Chelia, Chikhradze, Gogichaichvili, Nehsadze (Inalichili 42), Gogrichiani, Ketsbaya (Kavelachvili 75), Kinkladze, Arveladze.
Wales: Southall — Neilson (Symons 46), Bowen, Melville, Coleman, Phillips, Horne, Saunders, Rush, Hughes, Speed.

Nov 16 = Athens — Euro Chp gp 8
GREECE 2 (Mahlas 21, Frantzeskos 84)
SAN MARINO 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 13,500. **Ref:** Lipkovbitch (Isr)
Greece: Atmatzidis — Apostolakis, Kasapis, Kalintzakis, Dabitzas, Zagorakis, Mahlas, Tsartas, Marangos (Frantzeskos 46), Toursounidis, Vrizas (Batista 70).
San Marino: Benedettini — Gobbi, Gennari (Canti 46), Della Valle (Gasperoni 77), Valentini, Guerra, Manzaroli, Francini, Bacciocchi, Bonini, Gualtieri.

Nov 16 = Rotterdam — Euro Chp gp 5
HOLLAND 0
CZECH REPUBLIC 0
Att: 45,000. **Ref:** Puhl (Hun)
Holland: De Goey — Valckx, Blind, F De Boer, Rob Witschge (Numan 78), Winter, Roy, Jonk, Van Vossen, Mulder (Kluivert 70), Taument.
Czech Rep: Srnicek — Latal, Suchoparek, Hapal, Kubic, Kadlec, Nemec, Bilek, P Kuka (Sarnec 90), Siegl, Poborsky (Berger 75).

Nov 16 = Palermo — Euro Chp gp 4
ITALY 1 (D Baggio 90)
CROATIA 2 (Suker 32, 60)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 39,000. **Ref:** Quiniou (Fra)
Italy: Pagliuca — Negro, Panucci, Albertini, Costacurta (Di Matteo 50), Maldini, Lombardo, D Baggio, Casiraghi, R Baggio, Rambaudi (Donadoni 46).
Croatia: Ladic — Brajkovic, Jarni, Stimac, Jerkan, Bilic, Asanovic, Prosinecki (Mladenovic 58), Suker, Boban, Jurcevic (Kozniku 90).

Nov 16 = Belfast — Euro Chp gp 6
NORTHERN IRELAND 0
REP IRELAND 4 (Aldridge 6, Keane 11, Sheridan 38, Townsend 54)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 10,336. **Ref:** Muhmenthaler (Swi).
N Ireland: Kee — Fleming, Worthington, Taggart, Morrow, Gillespie (K Wilson 62), M O'Neill (Patterson 46), Magilton, Hughes, Dowie, Gray.
Rep Ireland: A Kelly — G Kelly, Irwin, Babb, McGrath, Keane (McAteer 46), Townsend, Sheridan, Staunton, Quinn, Aldridge (Coyne 80).

Nov 16 = Zabrze — Euro Chp gp 1
POLAND 0
FRANCE 0
Att: 21,000. **Ref:** Amendolia (Ita).
Poland: Wandzik — Lapinski, Jaskulski, Waldoch, Kozminski (Bak 31), Swierczewski, Baluszynski (Geisor 82), Czereszewski, Kosecki, Juskowiak, K Warzycha.
France: Lama — Angloma, Roche, Blanc, Di Meco, Cantona, *Karembeu, Desailly, Pedros (Djorkaeff 31), Le Guen, Oudec (Dugarry 77).
* = *Karembeu sent off, 49min.*

Nov 16 = Glasgow — Euro Chp gp 8
SCOTLAND 1 (Booth 19)
RUSSIA 1 (Radchenko 25)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 31,254. **Ref:** B Karlsson (Swe).
Scotland: Goram — McKimmie, Boyd, McCall, McLaren, Levein, Booth, McKinley (Nevin 83), McGinlay (Spencer 63), McAllister, Collins.
Russia: Cherchesov — Kulkov, Nikiforov, Gorlukovikch, Shalimov, Karpin, Onopko, Kanchelskis, Piatnitski (Tetradze 71), Radchenko, Radimov.

Nov 16 = Maribor — Euro Chp gp 4
SLOVENIA 1 (Zahovic 55)
LITHUANIA 2 (Surkistovas 64, Zuta 87)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Ihring (Slovak)
Slovenia: Boskovic — Galic, Krizan, Englaro (Poljsak 46), Jermanis, Cen, Zidan, Benedejcic (Binkovski 46), Zahovic, Florijancic, Glina.
Lithuania: Stauce — Gudaitis, Tereskinas, Mazeikis, Vainoras, Sukristovas, Stumbrys, Zuta, Apanavicius, Ivanauskas, Narbekovas.

Nov 16 = Seville — Euro Chp gp 2
SPAIN 3 (Nadal 41, Donato 57, Luis Enrique 87)
DENMARK 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 38,000. **Ref:** McCluskey (Sco)
Spain: Zubizarreta — Ferrer, Belsue, Alkorta, Abelardo, Nadal, Luis Enrique, Caminero (Bakero 72), Salinas (Higuera 58), Donato, Sergi.
Denmark: Schmeichel — Helweg, Rieper, Olsen, Risager, Friis Hansen (B Christensen 65), Steen Nielsen, Vilfort, Strudal (J Jensen 46), M Laudrup, B Laudrup.

Nov 16 = Stockholm — Euro Chp gp 3
SWEDEN 2 (Brolin 44, Dahlin 70)
HUNGARY 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 27,571. **Ref:** Van der Ende (Hol).
Sweden: Thomas Ravelli — R Nilsson, P Andersson, Bjorklund, Kamark, Brolin (Rehn 70), Thern, Schwarz, Larsson, K Andersson, Dahlin.
Hungary: Petry — Banfi, Meszoly, Lorincz, Kozma, Lipcsei (Halmai 58), Urban, Detari, Duro (K Kovacs 75), Kiprich, Klausz.

Nov 16 = Lausanne — Euro Chp gp 3
SWITZERLAND 1 (Bickel 45)
ICELAND 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,800. **Ref:** Kelly (NI)
Switzerland: Pascolo — Hottiger, Henchoz, Geiger, Thueler, Ohrel, Sforza, Bickel, A Sutter, Chapuisat, Grassi (Kubilay Turkyilmaz 68).
Iceland: B Kristinsson — G Bergsson, K Jonsson, Dervic, R Kristinsson, A Gretarsson (Gunnlaugsson 64), Stefansson, Gislason (Ingolfsson 84), Orlygsson, Sverrisson, A Gunnlaugsson.

Nov 16 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup
SAUDI ARABIA 2 (El-Mehallal 35, Amin 70)
KUWAIT 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000.

Nov 16 = Abu Dhabi — Gulf Cup
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 2
OMAN 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000.

1994 Gulf Cup – Final Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saudi Arabia	5	4	1	0	10	4	9
UAE	5	3	2	0	7	1	8
Bahrain	5	1	3	1	5	6	5
Qatar	5	1	1	3	6	8	3
Kuwait	5	1	1	3	2	6	3
Oman	5	0	2	3	4	9	2

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Nov 19 = Port of Spain — friendly
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 1 (Lewis 41)
UNITED STATES 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Ramesh Ramdham (Trin)
Trinidad: Russell — Thomas, Theodore, P Lewis, Francis, Marcelle, Lataphy, Faustin (Eve 60), Julien, Yorke, L Lewis (Dwarika 80).
US: Hahnemann — Balboa, Doyle, Agoos, Lozanno (Vargas 68), Caligiuri (Ibsen 46), Burns (Salcedo 46), Sorber, Michallik, Klopas, Kirovski (Dunn 61).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Nov 20 = Libreville — Af Chp gp 5
GABON 2 (Ondoi 60 pen, Nzamba 73)
ZAMBIA 1 (W Nyirenda 89)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Obafemi (Nig)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Nov 22 = Kingston — friendly
JAMAICA 0
UNITED STATES 3 (Kirovski 25, Klopas 52, 62 pen)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 30,199.
Jamaica: Barrett — Smith, Dixon, Brown, Marshall (Foster 46), Pratt (Palmer 63), Hamilton, Young (Reid 77), Wright, Issacs, Barker (Graham 72).
US: Hahnemann (Thornton 69) — Balboa (Salcedo 46), Doyle, Agoos, Caligiuri (Ibsen 46), Burns, Sorber, Michallik, Lozzano, Klopas (Vargas 64), Kirovski (Dunn 46).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Nov 29 = Mumias, Kenya — East-Central Africa Cup gp B
ERITREA 1 (Shimpenew 12)
SEYCHELLES 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000.

Nov 29 = Nairobi — East-Central · Africa Cup gp A
TANZANIA 4 (Nteze 11, 84, Masatu 67, Selemani 74)
SOMALIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,000.

Nov. 29 = Jerusalem — friendly
ISRAEL 4 (Hazan 27, 38, R Harazi 39, Rosenthal 76)
CYPRUS 3 (Halfon og 14, Gogic 33, Hajilukos 54)
HT: 3-2. **Att:** 4,000.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Nov 30 = Malaga — friendly
SPAIN 2 (Nadal 11, Goikoetxea 86)
FINLAND 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 38,190.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1: Azerbaijan 1 Israel 2, Poland 0 France 4.
Group 2: Cyprus 2 Armenia 1, Spain 1 Denmark 0, Belgium 7 Macedonia 0.
Group 3: Sweden 0 Hungary 1, Switzerland 2 Iceland 1
Group 4: Italy 2 Croatia 1, Ukraine 3 Estonia 0.
Group 5: Holland 2 Czech Rep 2.
Group 6: Portugal 2 Austria 0, England 1 Rep Ireland 0.
Group 7: Georgia 1 Wales 2, Bulgaria 2 Moldova 0.
Group 8: Greece 4 San Marino 0, Scotland 2 Russia 1.

EURO '96

GROUP 1

04.09.94 Israel v Poland 2-1
07.09.94 Slovakia v France 0-0
07.09.94 Romania v Azerbaijan 3-0
08.10.94 France v Romania 0-0
12.10.94 Israel v Slovakia 2-2
12.10.94 Poland v Azerbaijan 1-0
12.11.94 Romania v Slovakia 3-2
16.11.94 Poland v France 0-0
16.11.94 Azerbaijan v Israel 0-2
14.12.94 Azerbaijan v France
14.12.94 Israel v Romania
29.03.95 Romania v Poland
29.03.95 Israel v France
29.03.95 Slovakia v Azerbaijan
25.04.95 Poland v Israel
26.04.95 France v Slovakia
26.04.95 Azerbaijan v Romania
07.06.95 Poland v Slovakia
07.06.95 Romania v Israel
16.08.95 France v Poland
16.08.95 Azerbaijan v Slovakia
06.09.95 France v Azerbaijan
06.09.95 Slovakia v Israel
06.09.95 Poland v Romania
11.10.95 Romania v France
11.10.95 Israel v Azerbaijan
11.10.95 Slovakia v Poland
15.11.95 Slovakia v Romania
15.11.95 Azerbaijan v Poland
15.11.95 France v Israel

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Israel	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Poland	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
France	3	0	3	0	0	0	3
Slovakia	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
Azerbaijan	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

GROUP 2

07.09.94 Cyprus v Spain 1-2
07.09.94 Macedonia v Denmark 1-1
07.09.94 Belgium v Armenia 2-0
08.10.94 Armenia v Cyprus 0-0
12.10.94 Denmark v Belgium 3-1
12.10.94 Macedonia v Spain 0-2
16.11.94 Belgium v Macedonia 1-1
16.11.94 Spain v Denmark 3-0
16.11.94 Cyprus v Armenia 2-0
17.12.94 Belgium v Spain
17.12.94 Macedonia v Cyprus
29.03.95 Spain v Belgium
29.03.95 Cyprus v Denmark
26.04.95 Armenia v Spain
26.04.95 Belgium v Cyprus
26.04.95 Denmark v Macedonia
10.05.95 Armenia v Macedonia
07.06.95 Denmark v Cyprus
07.06.95 Macedonia v Belgium
07.06.95 Spain v Armenia
16.08.95 Armenia v Denmark
06.09.95 Belgium v Denmark
06.09.95 Spain v Cyprus
06.09.95 Macedonia v Armenia
07.10.95 Armenia v Belgium
11.10.95 Denmark v Spain
11.10.95 Cyprus v Macedonia
15.11.95 Spain v Macedonia
15.11.95 Cyprus v Belgium
15.11.95 Denmark v Armenia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
Cyprus	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Belgium	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Denmark	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Macedonia	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Armenia	3	0	1	2	0	4	1

GROUP 3

07.09.94 Iceland v Sweden 0-1
07.09.94 Hungary v Turkey 2-2
12.10.94 Turkey v Iceland 5-0
12.10.94 Switzerland v Sweden 4-2
16.11.94 Switzerland v Iceland 1-0
16.11.94 Sweden v Hungary 2-0
14.12.94 Turkey v Switzerland
29.03.95 Turkey v Sweden
29.03.95 Hungary v Switzerland
26.04.95 Hungary v Sweden
26.04.95 Switzerland v Turkey
01.06.95 Sweden v Iceland
11.06.95 Iceland v Hungary
16.08.95 Iceland v Switzerland
06.09.95 Sweden v Switzerland
06.09.95 Turkey v Hungary
11.10.95 Switzerland v Hungary
11.10.95 Iceland v Turkey
11.11.95 Hungary v Iceland
15.11.95 Sweden v Turkey

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Sweden	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Turkey	2	1	1	0	7	2	4
Hungary	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Iceland	3	0	0	3	0	7	0

GROUP 4

04.09.94 Estonia v Croatia 0-2
07.09.94 Slovenia v Italy 1-1
07.09.94 Ukraine v Lithuania 0-2
08.10.94 Estonia v Italy 0-2
09.10.94 Croatia v Lithuania 2-0
12.10.94 Ukraine v Slovenia 0-0
13.11.94 Ukraine v Estonia 3-0
16.11.94 Slovenia v Lithuania 1-2
16.11.94 Italy v Croatia 1-2
25.03.95 Italy v Estonia
25.03.95 Croatia v Ukraine
29.03.95 Slovenia v Estonia
29.03.95 Ukraine v Italy
29.03.95 Lithuania v Croatia
26.04.95 Lithuania v Italy
26.04.95 Croatia v Slovenia
26.04.95 Estonia v Ukraine
07.06.95 Lithuania v Slovenia
11.06.95 Estonia v Slovenia
11.06.95 Ukraine v Croatia
16.08.95 Estonia v Lithuania
03.09.95 Croatia v Estonia
06.09.95 Italy v Slovenia
06.09.95 Lithuania v Ukraine
08.10.95 Croatia v Italy
11.10.95 Slovenia v Ukraine
11.10.95 Lithuania v Estonia
11.11.95 Italy v Ukraine
15.11.95 Slovenia v Croatia
15.11.95 Italy v Lithuania

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
Lithuania	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Italy	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Ukraine	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Slovenia	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Estonia	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

GROUP 5

06.09.94 Czech Rep v Malta 6-1
07.09.94 Luxembourg v Holland 0-4
07.09.94 Norway v Byelorussia 1-0
12.10.94 Malta v Czech Rep 0-0
12.10.94 Byelorussia v Luxembourg 2-0
12.10.94 Norway v Holland 1-1
16.11.94 Byelorussia v Norway 0-4
16.11.94 Holland v Czech Rep 0-0
14.12.94 Malta v Norway
14.12.94 Holland v Luxembourg
22.02.95 Malta v Luxembourg
29.03.95 Czech Rep v Byelorussia
29.03.95 Luxembourg v Norway
29.03.95 Holland v Malta
26.04.95 Byelorussia v Malta
26.04.95 Czech Rep v Holland
26.04.95 Norway v Luxembourg
07.06.95 Byelorussia v Holland
07.06.95 Luxembourg v Czech Rep
07.06.95 Norway v Malta
16.08.95 Norway v Czech Rep
06.09.95 Czech Rep v Norway
06.09.95 Luxembourg v Malta
06.09.95 Holland v Byelorussia
07.10.95 Byelorussia v Czech Rep
11.10.95 Malta v Holland
11.10.95 Luxembourg v Byelorussia
12.11.95 Malta v Byelorussia
15.11.95 Czech Rep v Luxembourg
15.11.95 Holland v Norway

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Czech Republic	3	1	2	0	6	1	5
Holland	3	1	2	0	5	1	5
Byelorussia	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Malta	2	0	1	1	1	6	1
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

GROUP 6

20.04.94 N. Ireland v Liechtenstein 4-1
07.09.94 Liechtenstein v Austria 0-4
07.09.94 N. Ireland v Portugal 1-2
07.09.94 Latvia v Rep. Ireland 0-3
09.10.94 Latvia v Portugal 1-3
12.10.94 Austria v N. Ireland 1-2
12.10.94 Rep. Ireland v Liechtenstein 4-0
13.11.94 Portugal v Austria 1-0
15.11.94 Liechtenstein v Latvia 0-1
16.11.94 N. Ireland v Rep. Ireland 0-4
18.12.94 Portugal v Liechtenstein
29.03.95 Rep. Ireland v N. Ireland
29.03.95 Austria v Latvia
26.04.95 Rep. Ireland v Portugal
26.04.95 Latvia v N. Ireland
26.04.95 Austria v Liechtenstein
03.06.95 Portugal v Latvia
03.06.95 Liechtenstein v Rep. Ireland
07.06.95 N. Ireland v Latvia
11.06.95 Rep. Ireland v Austria
15.08.95 Liechtenstein v Portugal
16.08.95 Latvia v Austria
03.09.95 Portugal v N. Ireland
06.09.95 Austria v Rep. Ireland
06.09.95 Latvia v Liechtenstein
11.10.95 Rep. Ireland v Latvia
11.10.95 Austria v Portugal
11.10.95 Liechtenstein v N. Ireland
15.11.95 Portugal v Rep. Ireland
15.11.95 N. Ireland v Austria

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rep. Ireland	3	3	0	0	11	0	9
Portugal	3	3	0	0	6	2	9
Northern Ireland	4	2	0	2	7	8	6
Austria	3	1	0	2	5	3	3
Latvia	3	1	0	2	2	6	3
Liechtenstein	4	0	0	4	1	13	0

GROUP 7

07.09.94 Wales v Albania 2-0
07.09.94 Georgia v Moldova 0-1
12.10.94 Moldova v Wales 3-2
12.10.94 Bulgaria v Georgia 2-0
16.11.94 Albania v Germany 1-2
16.11.94 Georgia v Wales 5-0
16.11.94 Bulgaria v Moldova 4-1
14.12.94 Wales v Bulgaria
14.12.94 Moldova v Germany
14.12.94 Albania v Georgia
18.12.94 Germany v Albania
29.03.95 Georgia v Germany
29.03.95 Bulgaria v Wales
29.03.95 Albania v Moldova
26.04.95 Germany v Wales
26.04.95 Moldova v Bulgaria
26.04.95 Georgia v Albania
07.06.95 Bulgaria v Germany
07.06.95 Wales v Georgia
07.06.95 Moldova v Albania
06.09.95 Germany v Georgia
06.09.95 Wales v Moldova
06.09.95 Albania v Bulgaria
07.10.95 Bulgaria v Albania
08.10.95 Germany v Moldova
11.10.95 Wales v Germany
11.10.95 Georgia v Bulgaria
15.11.95 Germany v Bulgaria
15.11.95 Albania v Wales
15.11.95 Moldova v Georgia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Moldova	3	2	0	1	5	6	6
Georgia	3	1	0	2	5	3	3
Germany	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Wales	3	1	0	2	4	8	3
Albania	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

GROUP 8

07.09.94 Finland v Scotland 0-2
07.09.94 Faroe Islands v Greece 1-5
12.10.94 Scotland v Faroe Islands 5-1
12.10.94 Greece v Finland 4-0
12.10.94 Russia v San Marino 4-0
16.11.94 Scotland v Russia 1-1
16.11.94 Greece v San Marino 2-0
16.11.94 Finland v Faroe Islands 5-0
14.12.94 Finland v San Marino
18.12.94 Greece v Scotland
29.03.94 Russia v Scotland
29.03.95 San Marino v Finland
26.04.95 San Marino v Scotland
26.04.95 Greece v Russia
26.04.95 Faroe Islands v Finland
06.05.95 Russia v Faroe Islands
25.05.95 Faroe Islands v San Marino
07.06.95 Faroe Islands v Scotland
07.06.95 San Marino v Russia
11.06.95 Finland v Greece
16.08.95 Scotland v Greece
16.08.95 Finland v Russia
06.09.95 Scotland v Finland
06.09.95 Faroe Islands v Russia
06.09.95 San Marino v Greece
11.10.95 Russia v Greece
11.10.95 San Marino v Faroe Islands
15.11.95 Scotland v San Marino
15.11.95 Russia v Finland
15.11.95 Greece v Faroe Islands

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	3	3	0	0	11	1	9
Scotland	3	2	1	0	8	2	7
Russia	2	1	1	0	5	1	4
Finland	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
San Marino	2	0	0	2	0	6	0
Faroe Islands	3	0	0	3	2	15	0

AFRICA

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP

GROUP 1

04.09.94 Zaire v Malawi 1-1
04.09.94 Zimbabwe v Lesotho 5-0
15.10.94 Malawi v Zimbabwe 3-1
16.10.94 Cameroon v Zaire 1-0
13.11.94 Lesotho v Cameroon 2-0
13.11.94 Zimbabwe v Zaire 2-1
08.01.95 Cameroon v Malawi
08.01.95 Zaire v Lesotho
23.01.95 Lesotho v Malawi
23.01.95 Zimbabwe v Cameroon
08.04.95 Malawi v Zaire
09.04.95 Lesotho v Zimbabwe
23.04.95 Zaire v Cameroon
23.04.95 Zimbabwe v Malawi
04.06.95 Cameroon v Lesotho
04.06.95 Zaire v Zimbabwe
15.07.95 Malawi v Cameroon
16.07.95 Lesotho v Zaire
29.07.95 Malawi v Lesotho
30.07.95 Cameroon v Zimbabwe

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zimbabwe	3	2	0	1	8	4	4
Malawi	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Cameroon	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Lesotho	2	1	0	1	2	5	2
Zaire	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

GROUP 2

03.09.94 Senegal v Mauritania 0-0
04.09.94 Guinea Bissau v Tunisia 1-3
04.09.94 Liberia v Togo 1-0
14.10.94 Mauritania v G. Bissau 1-1
16.10.94 Togo v Senegal 2-0
11.11.94 Mauritania v Liberia 1-1
13.11.94 Guinea Bissau v Senegal 1-4
13.11.94 Tunisia v Togo 1-1
07.01.95 Senegal v Tunisia
08.01.95 Liberia v Guinea Bissau
08.01.95 Togo v Mauritania
23.01.95 Guinea Bissau v Togo
23.01.95 Liberia v Senegal
23.01.95 Tunisia v Mauritania
12.02.95 Tunisia v Liberia
07.04.95 Togo v Liberia
09.04.95 Tunisia v Guinea Bissau
22.04.95 Senegal v Togo
23.04.95 Guinea Bissau v Mauritania
23.04.95 Liberia v Tunisia
03.06.95 Senegal v Guinea Bissau
04.06.96 Liberia v Mauritania
04.06.95 Togo v Tunisia
14.07.95 Mauritania v Togo
16.07.95 Guinea Bissau v Liberia
16.07.95 Tunisia v Senegal
28.07.95 Mauritania v Tunisia
29.07.95 Senegal v Liberia
30.07.95 Togo v Guinea Bissau

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tunisia	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Senegal	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Togo	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Liberia	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Mauritania	3	0	3	0	2	2	2
Guinea Bissau	3	0	1	2	3	8	1

GROUP 3

04.09.94 Congo v Gambia 1-1
04.09.94 Ghana v Sierra Leone 4-1
16.10.94 Niger v Ghana 1-5
16.10.94 Sierra Leone v Congo 3-2
12.11.94 Gambia v Ghana 1-2
13.11.94 Niger v Sierra Leone 4-2
08.01.95 Congo v Niger
08.01.95 Sierra Leone v Gambia
23.01.95 Ghana v Congo
23.01.95 Niger v Gambia
09.04.95 Gambia v Congo
09.04.95 Sierra Leone v Ghana
23.04.95 Congo v Sierra Leone
23.04.95 Ghana v Niger
04.06.95 Ghana v Gambia
04.06.95 Sierra Leone v Niger
16.07.95 Gambia v Sierra Leone
16.07.95 Niger v Congo
30.07.95 Congo v Ghana
30.07.95 Gambia v Niger

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ghana	3	3	0	0	11	3	6
Niger	2	1	0	1	5	7	2
Sierra Leone	3	1	0	2	6	10	2
Congo	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Gambia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

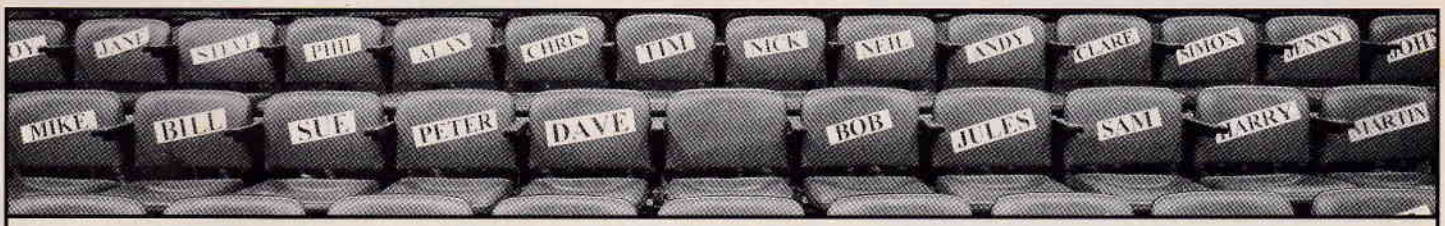
GROUP 4

03.09.94 Tanzania v Uganda 4-0
04.09.94 Ethiopia v Algeria 0-0
04.09.94 Sudan v Egypt 0-0
14.10.94 Algeria v Sudan 1-1
14.10.94 Egypt v Tanzania 5-1
15.10.94 Uganda v Ethiopia 4-1
11.11.94 Egypt v Ethiopia 5-0
12.11.94 Tanzania v Sudan 2-0
12.11.95 Uganda v Algeria 1-1
06.01.95 Algeria v Egypt
08.01.95 Ethiopia v Tanzania
08.01.95 Sudan v Uganda
22.01.95 Tanzania v Algeria
22.01.95 Uganda v Egypt
23.01.95 Ethiopia v Sudan
07.04.95 Algeria v Ethiopia
07.04.95 Egypt v Sudan
08.04.95 Uganda v Tanzania
22.04.95 Tanzania v Egypt
23.04.95 Ethiopia v Uganda
23.04.95 Sudan v Algeria
02.06.95 Algeria v Uganda
04.06.95 Ethiopia v Egypt
04.06.95 Sudan v Tanzania
14.07.95 Egypt v Algeria
15.07.95 Tanzania v Ethiopia
15.07.95 Uganda v Sudan
28.07.95 Algeria v Tanzania
28.07.95 Egypt v Uganda
30.07.95 Sudan v Ethiopia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Egypt	3	2	1	0	10	1	5
Tanzania	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Algeria	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Uganda	3	1	1	1	5	6	2
Sudan	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Ethiopia	3	0	1	2	1	9	1

GROUP 5

04.09.94 Madagascar v Sth Africa 0-1
Result nullified, Madagascar withdrew



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15.10.94 South Africa v Mauritius 1-0
13.11.94 Gabon v Mauritius 3-0
13.11.94 Zambia v South Africa.....1-1
20.11.94 Gabon v Zambia.....2-1
08.01.95 Mauritius v Zambia
23.01.95 Gabon v South Africa
09.04.95 Zambia v Gabon
23.04.95 Mauritius v South Africa
03.06.95 South Africa v Zambia
04.06.95 Mauritius v Gabon
16.07.95 Zambia v Mauritius
29.07.95 South Africa v Gabon

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gabon	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
South Africa	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Zambia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Mauritius	2	0	1	1	0	4	0

GROUP 6

04.09.94 Angola v Namibia 2-0
04.09.94 Botswana v Guinea 0-1
04.09.94 Mali v Mozambique.....2-1
15.10.94 Namibia v Mali.....2-1
16.10.94 Guinea v Angola.....3-1
16.10.94 Mozambique v Botswana .3-1
30.10.94 Mali v Guinea 2-0
13.11.94 Mali v Angola.....0-0
13.11.94 Mozambique v Guinea 2-1
13.11.94 Namibia v Botswana 1-1
08.01.95 Angola v Mozambique
08.01.95 Botswana v Mali
08.01.95 Guinea v Namibia
23.01.95 Botswana v Angola
23.01.95 Mozambique v Namibia
09.04.95 Namibia v Angola
09.04.95 Guinea v Botswana
09.04.95 Mozambique v Mali
23.04.95 Angola v Guinea
23.04.95 Mali v Namibia
23.04.95 Botswana v Mozambique
04.06.95 Angola v Mali
04.06.95 Botswana v Namibia
04.06.95 Guinea v Mozambique
16.07.95 Mali v Botswana
16.07.95 Mozambique v Angola
16.07.95 Namibia v Guinea
30.07.95 Angola v Botswana
30.07.95 Guinea v Mali
30.07.95 Namibia v Mozambique

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mali	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
Mozambique	3	2	0	1	6	4	4
Guinea	4	2	0	2	5	5	4
Angola	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Namibia	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Botswana	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

GROUP 7

04.09.94 Burkina Faso v Morocco...2-1
13.11.94 Morocco v Ivory Coast.....1-0
23.01.95 Ivory Coast v Burkina Faso
09.04.95 Morocco v Burkina Faso
04.06.95 Ivory Coast v Morocco
30.07.95 Burkina Faso v Ivory Coast

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burkina Faso	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Morocco	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Ivory Coast	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

NOTE: updated programme after eight withdrawals.

AFRICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

GROUP A *(Lagos)*
GUINEA, MALI, NIGERIA, ZAMBIA.

24.01.95 Nigeria v Mali
24.01.95 Guinea v Zambia
27.01.95 Mali v Zambia
27.01.95 Nigeria v Guinea
30.01.95 Guinea v Mali
30.01.95 Nigeria v Zambia

GROUP B *(Kaduna)*
BURUNDI, CAMEROON, MAURITIUS, SENEGAL.

25.01.95 Cameroon v Senegal
25.01.95 Burundi v Mauritius
28.01.95 Burundi v Senegal
28.01.95 Cameroon v Mauritius
31.01.95 Mauritius v Senegal
31.01.95 Burundi v Cameroon

● *Group winners & runners-up qualify for the semi-finals.*

SOUTH AFRICA — *NSL CASTLE LEAGUE*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

CAPE TOWN SPURS 5 (Nyathi 10, Bartlett 22, 32, Modise 54, 59)
REAL ROVERS 0.

CHATSWORTH RANGERS 0
QWAQWA STARS 0.

KAIZER CHIEFS 0
WITS UNIVERSITY 0.

MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 2 (R Molefe 44, Thwala 81)
D'ALBERTON CALLIES 2 (Napier 10, Radford 58).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

AMAZULU 2 (Nzimande 28, 43)
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 0.

MOROKA SWALLOWS 3 (Ramasike 11, 49, Mpondo 75)
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 1 (Skosana 85).

WITBANK ACES 1 (Biyela 77)
PRETORIA CITY 1 (Maake 69).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

CHATSWORTH RANGERS 0
CAPE TOWN SPURS 0.

D'ALBERTON CALLIES 1 (Donnelly 19 pen)
UMTATA BUCKS 3 (Augustine 12, Wilfred Mugeyi 44, Msizane 89).

PRETORIA CITY 0
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 0.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 3 (Maboe, Skosana 2)
ROYAL TIGERS 0.

KAIZER CHIEFS 0
ORLANDO PIRATES 2 (Batchelor 36, Maponyane 76 pen).

REAL ROVERS 2 (Nkosi 21, Mthethwa 50)
WITBANK ACES 1 (Shili 20).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

HELLENIC 1 (Lawal 83)
AMAZULU 0.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 5 (Jackson, Skosana 2, Vries, Arries)
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 0.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

HELLENIC 1 (Meiring 1)
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 3 (Motaung 31, Molefe 36, Masilela 71).

UMTATA BUCKS 0
ORLANDO PIRATES 0.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

HELLENIC 2 (Meiring 7, Solomons 56)
ORLANDO PIRATES 2 (Mkhalele 17, Mncwango 82 pen).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

CHATSWORTH RANGERS 2 (Malesela 44, Lambert 85)
REAL ROVERS 2 (Sebola 5, 10 pen)

QWAQWA STARS 0
PRETORIA CITY 1 (Lawrence 80).

WITS UNIV 2 (Sephadi 30, Simunji 57)
VAAL PROS 1 (Jowa 47).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

D'ALBERTON CALLIES 0
ORLANDO PIRATES 0.

MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 2 (B Masinga 41 pen, 71)
AMAZULU 4 (Chirwa 17, Tsoane 54, Magaguia 86, Zulu 88).

UMTATA BUCKS 4 (W Mugeyi 6, 35, Legetla 27 og, Augustine 83)
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 1 (Vries 85).

WITBANK ACES 3 (Mofokeng 2, Biyela)
HELLENIC 2 (Meiring, Solomons).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

CAPE TOWN SPURS 3 (Modise 24, Bartlett 69, Lupiya 73)
KAIZER CHIEFS 1 (Shaw 13).

FINAL FIRST DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Orlando Pirates	34	19	12	3	45	14	50
Cape Town Spurs	34	17	15	2	59	21	49
Umtata Bucks	34	18	5	11	51	32	41
Mamelodi Suns	34	18	5	11	64	47	41
Umtata Bucks	34	18	5	11	49	31	41
Kaizer Chiefs	34	16	8	10	37	29	40
Hellenic	34	17	5	12	53	49	39
Wits University	34	14	10	10	38	24	38
QwaQwa Stars	34	11	15	8	41	33	37
Vaal Pros	34	10	16	8	36	38	36
Moroka Swallows	34	11	11	12	38	42	33
Witbank Aces	34	11	10	13	50	46	32
Real Rovers	34	12	8	14	57	62	32
AmaZulu	34	10	10	14	32	41	30
Chatsworth Ran	34	8	13	13	31	36	29
Bloemfontein C	34	12	4	18	51	58	28
D'Alberton Cals	34	6	13	15	32	49	25
Pretoria City	34	9	7	18	35	54	25
Royal Tigers	33	1	5	28	16	91	7

LEADING SCORERS

1 .....Wilfred **MUGEYI** (Umtata).....19
2 .....Andries **SEBOLA** (Real Rov).....18
3 .....Bennett **MASINGA** (Mamelodi) 16

BOB SAVE SUPER BOWL

1ST ROUND

SAXON ROV 1 (E Abrahams 11)
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 2 (Koloba 15, Masilo 118). *Aet.*

CAPE TOWN SPURS 2 (Shonhayi 38, Lupiya 89)
WITBANK ACES 1 (Shili 33 pen).

PRETORIA CITY 2 (Maake 59, 82)
KAIZER CHIEFS 0.

NEWCASTLE UNITED 2 (Mxaba, Sithole)
BRATHOMS 3 (Mvundla 2, Lesalisa).

ACORNBUSH UNITED 0
MOROKA SWALLOWS 0.
Aet, Swallows won 7-6 on pens

AFRICAN WANDERERS 2 (Dlamini 89 pen, Mncwango 106)
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 1 (Magoe 11). *Aet.*

GIYANI CLASSIQUE 0
MAMELODI SUNS 1 (Zwan 75).

HELLENIC 1 (Stober 51)
ORLANDO PIRATES 3 (Maponyane 39, Moeti 60, Bobbs 81).

MOB LIONS 0
FERROMETALS 0.
Aet, Ferrometals won 4-2 on pens

MIGHTY GREENS 2 (Bangani 86, Thubela 118)
AMAZULU 2 (Chirwa 57, 113).
Aet, AmaZulu won 4-2 on pens

QWAQWA STARS 2 (Kambule 2)
UMTATA BUCKS 0.

REAL ROVERS 2 (Sibiya 27, Ramatsebe 110)
CHATSWORTH RANGERS 2 (Muir 2, Ndlanya 97).
Aet, Rovers won 4-3 on pens

ROYAL TIGERS 1 (T Madiehe 89)
CLASSIC FC 1 (Sibeko 15).
Aet, Classic FC won 4-3 on pens

BATTSWOOD 1 (R Mentoor 44)
TRINITARIANS 0.

D'ALBERTON CALLIES 4 (Napier 17, Nxumalo 35, Chiushimba 81, Milne 88)
RESERVOIR HILLS UNITED 1 (Schaper 80).

WILLIAM PESCOD 0
WITS UNIV 2 (Hannon 40, Ellis 59).

2ND ROUND

WITS UNIVERSITY 1 (Hannon 67)
AMAZULU 2 (Kombela 13, Nzimande 72).

PRETORIA CITY 0
MOROKA SWALLOWS 2 (Makgaledisa 34, 48).

VAAL PROFESSIONALS 3 (Jowa, Seakamela, Serathi)
FERROMETALS 2 (Zulu, Motsileng).

BRATHOMS 2 (Magivolo 13, Mohlakoane 75)
BATTSWOOD 0.

D'ALBERTON CALLIES 1 (Radford 46)
CAPE TOWN SPURS 2 (Bartlett 37, 65).

ORLANDO PIRATES 4 (Mkhalele 14, Fish 15, Maponyane 16, Ramokgadi 6)
CLASSIC FC 0.

QWAQWA STARS 2 (Manana 25, F Moloi 83)
AFRICAN WANDERERS 0.

REAL ROVERS 3 (Sithole 35, Bapela 50, Mthethwa 88)
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 1 (Masilela 75).

QUARTER-FINALS

CAPE TOWN SPURS 5 (Alexander 20, Niemach 60, Modise 69, 75, 83)
REAL ROVERS 1 (Sebola 78).

BRATHOMS 2 (Mohlakoana 70 pen, L Motaung 118)
QWAQWA STARS 2 (Maphutse 56 pen, Lubombo 112).
Aet, Stars won 4-1 on pens

AMAZULU 1(Nzimande 67)
MOROKA SWALLOWS 0.

VAAL PROFESSIONALS 2 (Jowa 31, Masilo 73)
ORLANDO PIRATES 1 (Motale 44).

SEMI-FINALS

VAAL PROS 1 (Koloba 81)
CAPE TOWN SPURS 1 (Lupiya 53)
Aet, Vaal Pros won 4-3 on pens

QWAQWA STARS 1 (M Moloi 14)
AMAZULU 1 (Nzimande 56).
Aet, Stars won 3-2 on pens

FINAL

QWAQWA STARS 0
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 1 (Seakamela 108). *Aet.*

SOUTH AMERICA

INTER-AMERICAN CUP

(between Libertadores Cup and CONCACAF champion clubs tournament winners — Universidad replaced 1993 Libertadores Cup winners Sao Paulo)

2nd leg — **Nov 1 in Santiago, Chile.**
UNIV. CATOLICA (Chi) 5 (Romero, Acosta, Olmos, Barrera, Ardiman).
SAPRISSA (CR) 1 (Wanchope)
HT: 2-1. **90 mins:** 3-1. **Ref:** Fernando Chappel (Peru).
Aet, Univ. Catolica won 6-4 on agg
Univ. Catolica: Toledo, Romero, S. Vasquez, Tupper (Rozental), Ardiman, Lepe, Paraguez, J. Vazquez (Olmos), Acosta, Gorosito, Barrera.
Saprissa: Lonnis, Uezada, Salazar, Fonseca, Mayorga, Myers, Wanchope (Coronado), Diaz, Gonzalez, Wright, Ramirez (Rodriguez).

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPER CUP

(for Libertadores Cup winners)

Quarter-finals — 1st leg

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

In Santiago, Chile.
COLO COLO (Chi) 2 (Etcheverry pen., Pizarro pen)
SAO PAULO (Bra) 1 (Ailton).
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** A Hay (Arg). **Att:** 30,000.
Colo Colo: Marcelo Ramirez, H. Gonzalez, Mendoza, R. Gonzalez, Margas, Pizarro, Miguel Ramirez, Vega, Etcheverry, Toninho (Castillo), Yanez (Reyes).
Sao Paulo: Zetti, Cafu, Junior Baiano, Gilmar, Andre, Doriva, Alemao, Palhina, Juninho, Euller, Caio (Ailton).

In La Plata, Argentina.
ESTUDIANTES (Arg) 1 (Veron)
CRUZEIRO (Bra) 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Epifanio Gonzalez (Par).
Estudiantes: Bossio, Rojas, Llop, Pratola, Squadrone, Paris, Martinez, Ferreira (Armentano), Capria (Sosa), Veron, Mendiez.
Cruzeiro: Dida, Zelao, Rogerio, Luisinho, Nonato, Douglas, Ademir (Joge Luiz), Toninho Cerezo, Macale, Cleisson, Roberto Gaucho (Edenilson).

In Porto Alegre, Brazil.
GREMIO (Bra) 1 (Ayupe)
INDEPENDIENTE (Arg) 1 (Rambert)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** S. Imperatore (Chi).
Att: 24,000.
Gremio: Danrlei, Ayupe, Agnaldo, Luciano, Roger (Osias), Jamir, Pingo, Adilson, Carlos Miguel, Carlinhos, Fabinho.
Independiente: Islas, Craviotto, Arzeno, Meijide (Ramirez), Rios, Cagna, Perez, Garnero, Lopez, Usuriaga (Parodi), Rambert.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina.
RIVER PLATE (Arg) 0
BOCA JUNIORS (Arg) 0
Ref: Javier Castrilli (Arg). **Att:** 55,000.
River Plate: Buregos, H. Diaz, Ayala, Rivarola, Altamirano, Cedres, Astrada (Amato), Berti, Francescoli, Ortega, Crespo (Corti).
Boca Juniors: Navarro Montoya, Vivas, Gamboa, Fabbri, Arruabarrena, Acus, Mancuso, Marisico, Da Silva (Medero), Martinez, Carranza (Pico).

Quarter-finals — 2nd leg

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

In Avellaneda, Argentina.
INDEPENDIENTE (Arg) 2 (Usuriaga, Lopez)
GREMIO (Bra) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** J Escobar (Par).
Att: 25,000.
Independiente won 3-1 on agg
Independiente: Islas, Craviotto, Arzeno, Serrizuela, Rios, Cagna, Perez, Garnero, Lopez, Usuriaga (Morales), Rambert (Parodi).
Gremio: Danrlei, Agnaldo, Ayupe, Roger, Grotto, Jamir, Pingo, Carlos Miguel, Fabinho, Carlinhos (Osias), Emerson (Arilson).

In Belo Horizonte, Brazil.
CRUZEIRO (Bra) 3 (Roberto Gaucho, Nonato pen, Edenilson)
ESTUDIANTES (Arg) 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Julio Matto (Uru).
Att: 34,300.
Cruzeiro won 3-1 on agg
Cruzeiro: Dida, Zelac, Luizinho, Rogerio, Nonato, Douglas, Toninho Cerezo, Jean Carlo, Macale (Tilico), Cleison (Edilson), Roberto Gaucho.
Estudiantes: Bossio, Rojas, Pratola, Fontana, Squadrone (Capria), Gaitan (Calderon), Veron, Galeano, Salinas, Sosa, Palermo.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil.
SAO PAULO (Bra) 4 (Euler, Ailton, Muller, Palinha)
COLO COLO (Chi) 1 (Fraquia)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Armando Perez (Col).
Sao Paulo won on 5-3 agg
Sao Paulo: Zetti, Cafu, Junior Baiano, Gimar, Andre (Ailton), Doriva, Axel, Juninho, Palhinha, Euler, Muller.
Colo Colo: Marcelo Ramirez, R. Gonzalez, H. Gonzalez, Reyes, Margas, Mendoza, Miguel Ramirez, Pizarro, Vega, Yanez, Toninho.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

In Buenos Aires, Argentina.
BOCA JUNIORS (Arg) 1 (Carranza)
RIVER PLATE (Arg) 1 (Francescoli)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** F. Lamolina (Arg).
Att: 45,000.
Agg: 1-1, Boca won 5-4 on pens
Boca Juniors: Navarro Montoya, Vivas, Gamboa, Moya, Mac Allister, Acuna, Mancuso, Marcico, Carranza (Rudman), Martinez (Pico), Da Silva.
River Plate: Buros, Altamirano, Ayala, Corti, Rivarola, Toresani, Astrada, Cedres (Silvani), Berti, Francescoli, Crespo (Amato).

Semi-finals — 1st leg

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

In Buenos Aires, Argentina.
BOCA JUNIORS (Arg) 2 (Carranza, Marcico pen)
SAO PAULO (Bra) 0
HT: 2-0. **Ref:** S. Imperatore (Chi).
Att: 50,000.
Boca Juniors: Navarro Montoya, Vivas, Gamboa, Fabbri, Mac Allister, Acuca (Carrizo), Mancuso (Pico), Marcico, Carranza, Martinez, Da Silva.
Sao Pualo: Zetti, Cafu, Junior Baiano, Gilmar, Vitor, Alernao, (Murillo), Doriva, Axel (Pereira), Palhinha, Euller, Muller.

In Belo Horizonte, Brazil.
CRUZEIRO (Bra) 1 (Edenilson)
INDEPENDIENTE (Arg) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** E. Gonzalez (Par).
Att: 50,000.
Cruzeiro: Dida, Zelao, Luizinho, Rogerio, Nonato, Aemir, Douglas, Macale (Tilico), Cleisson (Arley Alvares), Edenilson, Roberto Gaucho.
Independiente: Islas, Craviotto, Arzeno, Serrizuela, Rios, Cagna, Perez, Garnero (Cascini), Usuriaga, Rambert (Gareca).
Cruzeiro: Dida, Jorge Luis, Arley Alvares, Rogerio, Zelao (Jean Carlo), Nonato, Douglas, Ademir, Macale, Cleisson, Roberto Gaucho.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil.
SAO PAULO (Bra) 1 (Caio)
BOCA JUNIORS (Arg) 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** J. Matto (Uru).
Att: 7,000.
Boca Juniors won 2-1 on agg
Sao Paulo: Zetti, Cafu, Gilmar, Junior Baiano, Andre, Axel, Doriva (Juninho), Ailton, Palhina (Caio), Euller, Muller.
Boca Juniors: Navarro Montoya, Vivas, Gamboa, Fabbri, Mac Allister, Acuca, Mancuso, Marcico, Carranza, Da Silva (Carrizo), Martinez (Pico).

Final — 1st leg

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

In Buenos Aires, Argentina.
BOCA JUNIORS (Arg) 1 (Martinez)
INDEPENDIENTE (Arg) 1 (Rambert)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** R. Ruscio (Arg).
Boca Juniors: Navarro Montoya, Vivas, Gamboa, Fabbri, Mac Allister, Acuca, Mancuso, Marcico, Carranza, Martibez (Carrizo), Da Silva (Trellez).
Independiente: Islas, Craviotto, Arzano, Serrizuela, Rios, Cagna, Perez, Garnero, Lopez (Gareca), Usuriaga (Parodi), Rambert.

Final — 2nd leg

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

In Avellaneda, Argentina.
INDPENDIENTE 1 (Rambert)
BOCA JUNIORS 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** F. Lamolina (Arg).
Independiente won 2-1 on agg
Independiente: Islas, Craviotto (Gordillo), Arzeno, Serrizuela, Rios, Cagna, Perez, Garnero, Lopez, Usuriaga (Cascini), Rambert.
Boca Juniors: Navarro Montoya, Vivas, Gamboa, Fabbri, Mac Allister, Acuna, Carrizo (Pico), Marcico, Carranza (Trellez), Martinez, Da Silva.

CONMEBOL CUP

1st round — 1st leg *(Nov 2-4)*
Gremio (Bra) 0 Sao Paulo (Bra) 0; Penarol (Uru 2 Danubio (Uru) 0; Huracan (Arg) 1 Cerro Cora (Par) 4; Lanus (Arg) 1 San Lorenzo (Arg) 1; Sporting Cristal (Peru) 2 Nacional (Ecu) 1; Universidad de Chile 4 Oriente Petrolero (Bol) 1; Minerven (Ven) 1 Botafogo (Bra) 1; Corinthians (Bra) 3 Vitoria (Bra) 2.

MAJOR CLUB INTERNATIONALS

Oct 10: America (Mex) 3 PSV (Hol) 1.

OTHER INTERNATIONALS

Oct 19: Chile U-23 0 Brazil U-23 5; Peru U-20 0 Chile U-20 2.

CONCACAF U-17 CHAMPIONSHIP

In Sal Salvador, El Salvador.
GROUP A *(Nov 3-6)*: Canada 10 Nicaragua 0; El Salvador 1 Jamaica 1; El Salvador 3 Nicaragua 2; Canada 2 Jamaica 0; Jamaica 2 Nicaragua 1; Canada 2 El Salvador 0.
GROUP B *(Nov 2-6)*: Mexico 2 Dominican Rep. 0; Honduras 5 Panama 2; Mexico 7 Panama 0; Dominican Rep. 3 Honduras 0; Panama 2 Dominican Rep. 1; Mexico 6 Honduras 0.
GROUP C *(Nov 2-6)*: Costa Rica 7 Trinidad & Tobago 1; US 7 Dutch Antilles 0; Costa Rica 5 Dutch Antilles 0; US 5 Trinidad & Tobago 3; Trinidad & Tobago 2 Dutch Antilles 2; C Rica 4 US 1.

PRELIMINARY GROUP — FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GROUP A							
CANADA	3	3	0	0	14	6	6
El Salvador	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
Jamaica	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Nicaragua	3	1	1	3	3	15	0
GROUP B							
MEXICO	3	3	0	0	15	0	6
Dominican Rep	3	1	0	2	4	4	2
Honduras	3	1	0	2	5	11	2
Panama	3	1	0	2	4	13	2
GROUP C							
COSTA RICA	3	3	0	0	16	2	6
US	3	2	0	1	13	7	4
Trinidad & Tobago	3	0	1	2	6	14	1
Dutch Antilles	3	0	1	2	2	14	1

● *Group winners and runners-up with best record (US) qualify for final round.*

SUPER CUP

1st round — 1st leg
07.09.94 Flamengo v Estudiantes 0-0
07.09.94 River Plate v Nacional (Uru) 2-2
08.09.94 Santos v Independiente 1-0
13.09.94 Olimpia v Cruzeiro 2-0
14.09.94 Penarol v Boca Juniors 1-0
15.09.94 Gremio v Racing Club 1-1
15.09.94 Colo Colo v Argentinos Jun. 4-1
21.09.94 At. Nacional v Sao Paulo 0-2

1st round — 2nd leg
21.09.94 Cruzeiro v Olimpia 4-0
Cruzeiro won 4-2 on agg
21.09.94 Nacional (Uru) v River Plate 0-1
River Plate won 3-2 on agg
22.09.94 Independiente v Santos 4-0
Independiente won 4-1 on agg
27.09.94 Estudiantes v Flamengo 2-0
Estudiantes won 2-0 on agg
28.09.94 Sao Paulo v At. Nacional 1-1
Sao Paulo won 3-1 on agg
28.09.94 Argentinos Jun. v Colo Colo 1-1
Colo Colo won 5-2 on agg
28.09.94 Boca Juniors v Penarol 4-1
Boca Juniors won 4-2 on agg
29.09.94 Racing Club v Gremio 1-2
Gremio won 3-2 on agg

Quarter-finals — 1st leg
05.10.94 Estudiantes v Cruzeiro 1-0
05.10.94 Gremio v Independiente 1-1
05.10.94 Colo Colo v Sao Paulo 2-1
06.10.94 River Plate v Boca Juniors 0-0

Quarter-finals — 2nd leg
12.10.95 Cruzeiro v Estudiantes 3-0
Cruzeiro won 3-1 on agg
12.10.95 Independiente v Gremio 2-0
Independiente won 3-1 on agg
12.10.95 Sao Paulo v Colo Colo 4-1
Sao Paulo won 5-3 on agg
12.10.95 Boca Juniors v Riverp Plate 1-1
Agg: 1-1, Boca won 5-4 on pens

Semi-finals — 1st leg
19.10.94 Cruzeiro v Independiente 1-0
19.10.94 Boca Juniors v Sao Paulo 2-0

Semi-finals — 2nd leg
26.10.94 Independiente v Cruzeiro 4-0
Independiente won 4-1 on agg
26.10.94 Sao Paulo v Boca Juniors 1-0
Boca Juniors won 2-1 on agg

Final — 1st leg
03.11.94 Boca Juniors v Independiente 1-1

Final — 2nd leg
09.11.94 Independiente v Boca Juniors 1-0
Independiente won 2-1 on agg

CONMEBOL CUP

1ST ROUND — 1ST LEG
Minerven (Ven) v Botafogo (Bra) 1-1
Spt Cristal (Peru) v Nacional (Ecu) 2-1
Univ. de Chile v O. Petrolero (Bol) 4-1
Cerro Cora (Par) v Huracan (Arg) 4-1
Penarol (Uru) v Danubio (Uru) 2-0
Sao Paulo (Bra) v Gremio (Bra) 0-0
San Lorenzo (Arg) v Lanus (Arg) 1-1
Corinthians (Bra) v Vitoria (Bra) 3-2

1ST ROUND — 2ND LEG
Botafogo v Minerven 0-0
Agg: 1-1, Minerven won 5-4 on pens
Nacional v Sporting Cristal 0-1
Sporting Cristal won 3-1 on agg
Petrolero v Universidad de Chile 0-5
Universidad won 9-1 on agg
Huracan v Cerro Cora 2-1
Cerro Cora won 5-3 on agg
Danubio v Penarol 1-0
Penarol won 2-1 on agg
Gremio v Sao Paulo 0-0
Agg: 0-0, Sao Paulo won 6-5 on pens
Lanus v San Lorenzo 2-2
Agg: 3-3, San Lorenzo won 4-2 on pens
Vitoria v Corinthians 1-1
Corinthians won 4-3 on agg

2ND ROUND — 1ST LEG
Penarol v Cerro Cora 1-3
Univ. de Chile v San Lorenzo 0-1
Sao Paulo v Sporting Cristal 3-1
Corinthians v Minerven 5-2

2ND ROUND — 2ND LEG
Cerro Cora v Penarol 1-6
Penarol won 7-4 on agg
San Lorenzo v Universidad de Chile ..1-3
Universidad won 3-2 on agg
Sporting Cristal v Sao Paulo 0-0
Sao Paulo won 3-1 on agg
Minerven v Corinthians 6-0
Minerven won 11-2 on agg

SEMI-FINALS — 1ST LEG
29.11.94 Penarol v Univ. de Chile ..2-0
02.12.94 Sao Paulo v Corinthians ..4-3

SEMI-FINALS — 2ND LEG
06.12.94 Univ. de Chile v Penarol
09.12.94 Corinthians v Sao Paulo

FINAL — 1ST LEG
14.12.94 Semi-final winners

FINAL — 2ND LEG
21.12.94 Semi-final winners

MEXICO — *First Division*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GROUP 1							
Necaxa	10	7	3	0	21	2	17
America	10	6	3	1	30	12	15
UN Leon	8	2	3	3	19	19	7
UA Guadalajara	9	1	4	4	8	14	6
Toros Neza	9	2	1	6	15	23	5
GROUP 2							
Cruz Azul	9	4	3	2	20	11	11
Veracruz	10	5	1	4	15	15	11
Univ. Tamaulipas	9	3	3	3	11	16	9
Morelia	9	3	3	3	15	22	9
Atlante	9	2	2	5	10	21	6
GROUP 3							
Guadalajara	9	4	3	2	19	13	11
Puebla	9	3	5	1	9	9	11
UNAM	9	4	2	3	15	14	10
Toluca	10	3	2	5	12	10	8
Tampico-Madero	10	3	1	6	16	22	7
GROUP 4							
Atlas	10	4	3	3	12	13	11
Leon	10	3	4	3	13	11	10
Monterrey	10	1	6	3	7	12	8
Santos	9	3	0	6	13	20	6

GUATEMALA — *First Division*

AFTER 8 GAMES: 1) Comunicaciones, Municipal 14pts; 3) Aurora, Xelaju, Sacachispas 8; 6) Coban Imperial, Izebal 7; 8) Mictlan, Amatitlan, Chiquimulilla, Suchitepequez, Escuintla 6.

COSTA RICA — *First Division*

AFTER 12 GAMES: 1) Saprissa 17pts; 2) Herediano, San Carlos, Cartagines 15; 5) Zeledon 13; 6) Turrialba, Alajuelense 11; 8) Puntarenas, Belen, Sagrada 10; 11) Ramonense 9; 12) Limon 6.

HONDURAS — *First Division*

AFTER 3 GAMES: 1) Olimpia 9pts; 2) Broncos 7; 3) Progreseno 6; 4) Motagua 5; 5) R Maya, Victoria 4; 7) R Espana 3; 8) Vida 2; 9) Marathon 1; 10) Platense 0.

EL SALVADOR — *Division 1*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAS	11	6	3	2	20	10	16
Luis A. Firpo	11	5	6	0	16	7	16
Tiburones	11	4	5	2	13	11	13
Aguila	11	3	6	2	22	11	12
Adet	11	4	4	3	19	16	12
Marte	10	3	5	2	14	12	11
El Roble	11	3	5	3	14	16	11
Alianza	10	2	3	5	14	15	7
Limeno	11	1	5	5	6	15	7
Cojutepeque	11	0	4	7	7	32	4

1994 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO FA CUP

1ST ROUND *(Sep 10)*
Malta Carib Alcons v Ramlogan Ball Y 6-1
Palo Seco SC v Blackpool 0-1
Unique Valiants v Petrotrin PAP 0-1
Police v Young Hearts 4-0
Petrotrin Forest v Ramsingh Juventus 0-0
TJ' Stokely Vale v Maple ....2-0 *(forfeit)*
Barataria All Stars v Superstar Rangers 0-3
Superstar Youth v Point Fortin CC 1-2
ECM Motown v Queen's Pk Club 3-2
Petit Bourg Survivals v Airport Authority 0-1
Caroni v Falcons 1-1
Pizzaboys Frontline v Rossi SFN 3-2
Defence Force v Forest Development 2-0
Roxboro Lakers v Ramlogan Uprising Y 3-0
(Set 14)
Macoya Slammers v Damarie Hill 0-2
Memphis v Caledonia AIA 1-2

1ST ROUND — *REPLAYS* *(Sep 14)*
Ramsingh Juventus v Petrotrin Forest 1-2
Falcons v Caroni 1-0

2ND ROUND *(Sep 17)*
Malta Carib Alcons v Blackpool 8-1
TJ's Stokely Vale v Superstar Rangers 0-3
(Sep 18)
Defence Force v Roxborough Lakers 1-0
ECM Motown v Pizzaboys Frontline 2-1
Point Fortin CC v Caledonia AIA 0-1
Petrotrin PAP v Petrotrin Forest 1-2
Falcons v Damarie Hill 5-1
(Sep 21)
Police v Airport Authority 1-0

QUARTER-FINALS *(Sep 21)*
Malta Carib Alcons v Petrotrin Forest 3-2
Superstar Rangers v Caledonia AIA 2-1
ECM Motown v Falcons 1-0
(Sep 23)
Police v Defence Force 3-1

SEMI-FINALS *(Sep 30)*
Malta Carib Alcons v Superstar Rangers 2-2
(September 28)
ECM Motown v Police 3-3

SEMI-FINALS — *REPLAYS* *(Sep 30)*
ECM Motown v Police 1-3
(Oct 4)
Malta Carib Alcons v Superstar Rangers 1-2

FINAL *(Oct 4)*
Police v Superstar Rangers 0-0

FINAL — *REPLAY* *(Oct 6)*
Police v Superstar Rangers 1-1
Police won 3-0 on pens

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GROUP E:	Boys born	August 1, 1982 & later
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BRIAN GLANVILLE'S
LAST WORD

Technical difficulties

THE DEATH of British soccer is a little like the death of the theatre. It is always just about to happen, but it never quite does. Or, if you like, it evokes the old Mark Twain line: "The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated."

When English clubs fell out of the various European competitions like conkers off a tree, the cry went up again. As no doubt it must have done around lunch time on the day when Wales had just lost 5-0 in war-torn Georgia, and might have gone down by many more.

Again, the cry might have been heard when England struggled for the first 40 minutes that evening against Nigeria, at Wembley. But suddenly up popped the prolific David Platt, to head in Dennis Wise's free kick. England were surprisingly ahead; and from that moment, the music changed.

England certainly had looked technically inferior. Just as they had a few weeks earlier on the same ground, against the Romanians, when they gained a lucky draw. But they went on to beat Nigeria, who never looked remotely the same team in a second half largely dominated by the English.

From which we draw . . . what conclusions? In the first place, that technique is not the be all and end all of football. In any case what IS technique?

I remember walking through Milan with Enzo Bearzot, then the team manager of Italy (and what price Italian football when they should have lost in Slovenia and did indeed lose to Croatia in Palermo?) talking of technique.

Bearzot became quite passionate on the subject of English technique, railing against those who decried it. What about heading, kicking, shooting, he asked; were they not part of technique as well?

And what about morale? For me, the Nigerians, going so unluckily behind (there were even those who contested the free kick from which the goal came) seemed to lie down and die. Perhaps they were, indeed, tired; but weariness is often in the mind.

Throughout the first half, the little 21-year-old Austin Okocha virtually ran the game, with his delightful control, his speed of thought and movement, his neat passing. He wasn't to be seen much after the interval. And it surely should be pointed out that, to a substantial extent, he shone by default. There was no one in the English midfield, with Paul Ince being absent, to tackle him.

My mind went back 22 years to another game at Wembley; when the West Germans, like the Nigerians, were wearing green. And the Germans, too, had an inside-forward allowed to run riot, because Alf Ramsey, untypically, had not picked anybody to oppose him.

He did so with a vengeance in the return in Berlin when England, needing to reverse a 3-1 deficit, never even tried to. Ramsey chose a team of hard nuts; prompting Netzer to say after a bruising goalless draw, "The whole England team autographed my leg."

Manchester United's collapse in Barcelona was a principal cause of concern about English football. They were, indeed, outplayed, even humiliated. But again, how much emphasis should be placed on that one result?

United, who surely would have won at Old Trafford were it not for Alex Ferguson's error in playing Paul Parker centre-back instead of Bruce, and faced a Barcelona team in which Romario and Stoichkov played as strangers, were without Cantona in both matches.

His fault, of course, for his stupid outburst, in French to a French-speaking Swiss referee, in Istanbul last season. But the fact remains that Cantona has galvanised and inspired a United team who would not have won two, belated, championships without him.

Take another foreign player, Romario, probably the best in the world, out of the Barcelona team, and what would be left?

In Barcelona, United also were without Sharpe, who ran the Spanish defence ragged in Manchester, while Ryan Giggs continued his wretched and inexplicable period of ineffectuality. Add the equally pathetic performance of Kanchelskis, who also did well at Old Trafford, and you have certain extenuating factors.

English football never has been, never will be, the technical equal of the Continentals and South Americans; bar the very earliest stages of the game. And it isn't all the fault of the Football Association's deplorable coaching department, with its fatuous, pseudo-scientific, emphasis on Wing Commander Reep's outdated ideas of Wolves and the 1950s.

'The long ball way of non-playing was established long before Charlie Hughes became its High Priest'

No, the long ball way of non-playing was established long before Long Ball Charlie Hughes became its High Priest at Lancaster Gate, inspired, if that be the word, by the dubious theories of the Wing Commander.

Many long years ago, I remember the late Jimmy Hogan, inspiring coach of the Austrian Wunderteam of the 1930s, telling me that he took his players to Stamford Bridge to watch Chelsea play Everton, four days before they alarmed England, on the same ground.

Chelsea had one of the great centre forwards of his era, Scotland's Hughie Gallacher. For Everton, the leader was another Titan, Dixie Dean, that formidable header of a ball. To the amazement and horror of the Austrians, Hogan told me, both teams spent the whole game belting the ball down the middle.

With Scotland, over the years, forsaking their great traditions of ball skill and strategy in favour of a mindlessly fast kind of football, English clubs cannot even look across the border now to find players who will run their midfield, as Alex James and Jimmy Logie once did for Arsenal.

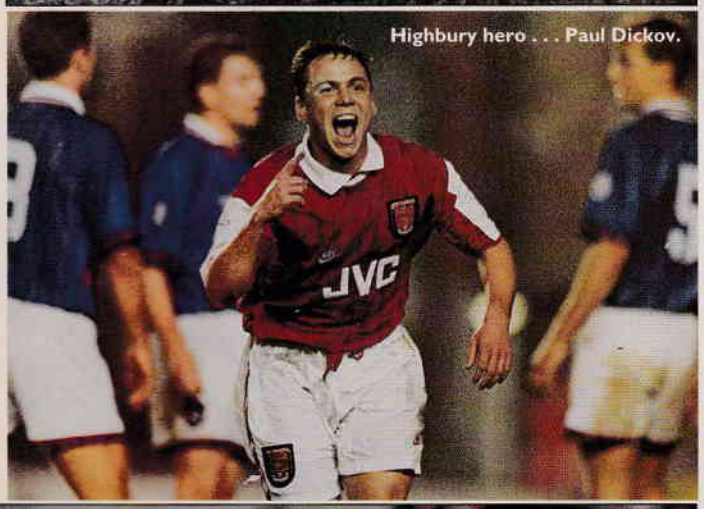
When really gifted inside-forwards or creators of the classical mould do appear in England – be they Shackleton, Hoddle, Le Tissier or Gascoigne – they usually have to meet every kind of obstacle before establishing themselves at international level.

"Disappointment is part of football," Ron Greenwood unforgettably said, dropping Hoddle after a dazzling debut against Bulgaria. And this was the great artificer of the West Ham academy of arts and sciences.

Austin allegro . . . Nigerian star Okocha.

Creative force . . . Glenn Hoddle.

Wembley Wizard . . . Hughie Gallagher.



Highbury hero . . . Paul Dickov.

Hughie who?

HOW LUCKY Arsenal were to squeeze through to the Springtime stage of the Cup-winners Cup, which of course they hold.

Chelsea went through with them, thanks to a spectacular goal by tiny John Spencer in Vienna.

Arsenal were given a dubious penalty against Brondby at Highbury, laboured horribly throughout, and were immensely fortunate not to concede a penalty. Which could have taken the lively and pleasing Brondby side through.

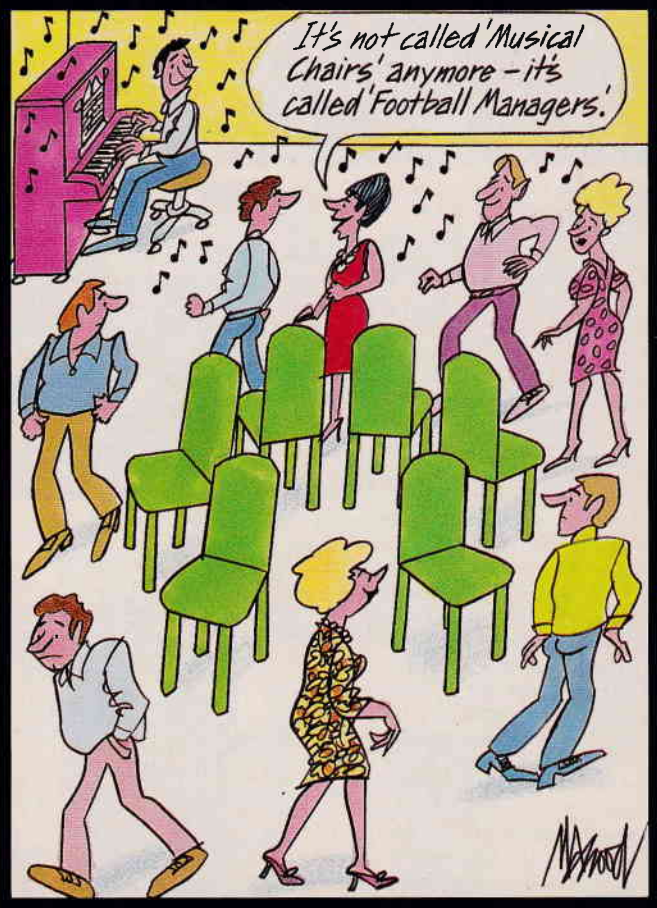
Not that Chelsea (with Wise man-marked) covered themselves with glory in their home leg against FK Austria; a wretched negative parody of that great team of 40 years ago in which Ernst Ocwirk ruled midfield, abetted by the likes of the inside-left Stofaspal and the powerful right winger, Melchior.

Arsenal did perk up in their next home match against an even more deadly boring team in Oldham – Joe Royle seems to have got back to Everton just in time. But that was almost wholly thanks to the brio of another wee Scottish centre-forward, Paul Dickov, who has had so few chances at Highbury.

I asked the talented Dickov afterwards whether he had heard of Hughie Gallacher. British football and footballers being what they are, of course he hadn't. But that devoted historian George Graham sitting behind him, had. "The Wembley Wizards," he said, with a smile.

England 1, Scotland 5 in 1928. England torn apart by Alec Jackson (tallest of the attack at 5ft 7ins) Jimmy Dunn, Gallacher, Alex James and Alan Morton.

They don't forget such things in Italy. Though they may be trying to forget Arrigo Sacchi.



MAHOOD

A to Z OF THE WORLD'S GREAT GROUNDS

By SIMON INGLIS, author of The Football Grounds of Great Britain and The Football Grounds of Europe

PARC DES PRINCES

Capacity 48,700 all-seated
Opened 1897 as a velodrome, completely rebuilt 1932 and 1972
Location Perched bizarrely on top of the Peripherique ring road between Porte de St Cloud and Porte d'Auteuil in south west Paris. Take the Metro to Porte de St Cloud or Exelmans

● If you're looking for somewhere to stage your annual office kickabout, the Parc des Princes can now be hired for just £31,000 a day. Yes, times are hard for this concrete hulk which, despite the success of resident club Paris St Germain, is now being run by the French sports TV channel Canal + (the former municipal owners having given up on it). But it's the wrong size and in the wrong place, and when the 80,000 capacity Grand Stade opens just north of Paris in 1998 (see last month's *WORLD SOCCER*), PSG will almost certainly move there. After all, Canal + are also majority stakeholders in PSG and they are bidding for the right to manage the Grand Stade. Their contract to run the Parc conveniently expires in 1998, so could that spell the end? Maybe not. For its part in the World Cup the Parc may need up to Ffr44 million worth of renovation, which really would be money down the drain if it were then to be abandoned. Also, demolition costs are put at Ffr250 million. So unless anyone fancies reviving those late, unlamented tenants, Racing Paris, the Parc may well become France's modern-day answer to Rome's Coliseum – a ghostly ruin. ***WORLD SOCCER rating*** 8 (out of 10). Despite everything, the view is still excellent.

PONTIAC SILVERDOME

Capacity 80,311 all-seated (76,000 for World Cup)
Opened August 1975
Location 18 miles north of Detroit, Michigan

● When artificial turf first came on the scene in the early 1980s, a young manager called Terry Venables co-wrote a novel called 'They Used to Play On Grass'. Thanks to the success of the Pontiac 1994 indoor grass experiment he might consider a sequel 'They Used to Play Outdoors'. This was the breakthrough stadium developers all over the world were waiting for. It took 30 hours to move Pontiac's 2,000 trays of turf into the Silverdome, and the pitch was immaculate, immediately. Now boffins are working on how to make the set-up time quicker, by using larger trays, moved in and out on rails or hover units. The awful heat suffered by all inside the Silverdome last summer should not be a problem for domes in northern Europe, but what about the atmosphere? You and I might prefer our footie as nature intended, but developers and promoters want their pleasure palaces of the future to be operating in all weathers. Amsterdam will have Europe's first football ground with a retractable roof, in 1996. Expect the first Pontiac-style dome by the end of the century. Where first? If Luton Town have their way it'll be just off the M1 motorway, just north of London.

PRAGUE

● Buenos Aires, London, Budapest and Vienna each offer the dedicated ground-hopper a feast of stadiums of all shapes, sizes and vintages. But Prague arguably boasts the oddest collection, starting at the much-reduced 'national' stadium, the 20,000 capacity Evzen Rosicky Stadium. Next door to this is the 200,000 capacity Spartakiadni Stadium which the Communists once used for mass displays. Sparta Prague play at the city's best ground, the Letna (***right***), which following refurbishment last summer holds 22,000 all-seated and boasts the first excutive boxes in Eastern Europe. The chummiest, known as D'olicek (the Dimple) belongs to Bohemians and holds 17,000 (not including those who can watch from the flats all around), although an even tighter ground nearby is that of Viktoria Zizkov, with its six leaning floodlight pylons and uneven terraces for 11,000. The Dr V Vacka Stadium, home of Slavia Prague, could have been transported from Scotland, circa 1935, but the most anachronistic of all Prague's 'parks' is the Juliska Stadium – one huge, covered bank seating 11,000 on a hillside; locals have all but abandoned this former army stronghold. Five clubs and six grounds may be too much for post-Communist Prague to sustain, so groundhoppers should hurry before the developers move in.

PORTO

Name Estadio das Antas
Capacity 76,000
Opened May 1952 (Benfica beat Porto 8-2), expanded in three phases since

● When Porto expanded Das Antas during the 1980s, instead of building up, unusually they dug down, excavating over 100,000 cubic metres of soil and lowering the pitch by six metres. An extra 20,000 Portistas were thus accommodated and, without the old running track, the bowl became even more intimidating. Not so that the bailiffs were deterred last March, however, when they seized the stadium because of Porto's huge unpaid tax bill. In fact it could be argued that in Portugal members clubs like Porto do the government's job by providing first-class sporting facilities. Das Antas is actually a complex catering for 20 sports, including an Olympic-sized swimming pool and three training pitches. Less appealing is a car-breaker's yard, just behind the south curve, but this is due to be cleared soon as part of an improvement programme which will also involve the capacity being reduced to 66,000 all-seated.
WORLD SOCCER rating 7 (out of 10)

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